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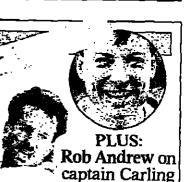


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Manifesto plan for all big towns

Major seeks new grammar school era

By Nicholas Wood and David Charter

EVERY large town in England and Wales could have a new grammar school under plans being drawn up by the Prime Minister's policy unit. Parents. businessmen and

community groups would be invited to club together to apply for government money to set up and run schools that selected pupils by academic ability. The new schools would have grant-maintained status and be free from local education authority control.

Tory strategists said that the proposals, which are likely to figure in the Conservative manifesto, were the latest in a series of initiatives to inject greater choice and variety into the state system and to improve standards.

John Major's interest in grammar schools has been stimulated by the Harriet Harman affair. The Prime Minister and his advisers believe that the reaction to the Shadow Health Secretary's decision to send her son to a selective school showed that the public is still wedded to the idea of grammar schools, thirty years after the switch to

comprehensive education. With David Blunkett, the Shadow Education Secretary, also admitting that comprehensives have not lived up to expectations, the Prime Minister sees an opportunity to seize the political initiative over education. Labour's sensitivity over the issue was highlighted again yesterday when Mr Blunken played down the threat to the remaining 161 grammar schools, saying he did not want the next Labour government "tied up" over selection. His party's policy is not to abolish grammar

on their future. The Downing Street proposals are attracting strong support in the Cabinet, where some ministers are impatient with Gillian Shephard's ap-

schools, but to let parents vote



Shephard: "on a radical scale of 1-6, she scores 2"

parent reluctance to embrace the grammar ethos. "She's not being radical enough. On a scale of 1-6, I'd score her at about 2," one minister said. An application from Buckinghamshire County Council to build a new grammar school alongside the comprehensives of Milton Keynes has been sitting on the Education Secre-

tary's desk for months. The plan is partly seen as a counterweight to the Government's existing powers to close down failing schools, many of which are in big cities, so that "sink" schools could be replaced by grammars.

Mr Major's advisers envisage that where a clear demand existed, parents could set up a board of governors to take over an empty school and reopen it as a grammar. They would have to demonstrate that their proposal was practical and professional and that it would deliver high academic standards in accordance with the national curriculum.

If no suitable building were available, groups of parents could apply to build a new school. Capital costs would be met by the private sector and the governors would pay the lease from government grants.

At the same time, existing grant-maintained schools would receive further encour-

agement to become selective. to concentrate on specific subjects or to specialise in technical or vocational education. Although 1,100 state schools have opted to become grantmaintained, the momentum has slowed in the past couple of years and ministers see the latest idea as a way of boosting

the movement. Ministers say the idea is to offer all parents a real choice of school, rather than the uniformity of the comprehen-

sive-dominated system. One Tory strategist said: The Prime Minister does not want to go straight back to selection overnight. But there is public pressure for a greater degree of selection, higher standards and parental

Local authorities are, however, likely to put up strong resistance to any plans to revive grammar schools.

The National Grammar Schools Association believes there are businesspeople prepared to help fund new selective schools, but it fears that Labour and Liberal Democra councils would do all they could to disrupt the process.

Margaret Dewar, chairman of the association, said: "This is an absolutely splendid new idea. It would be a way of the Conservative Party being behind selective education without having to find more funds for it. I believe people want a better education for the academically bright children. They are finding that, in the comprehensive schools, children are not reaching their full potential."

She did not, however, think there would ever be a wholesale return to the 11-plus verbal reasoning tests that used to determine which children went to a grammar school. Rather, schools would be allowed to select their pupils on whatever ability they specialised in.



Will Carling, sporting a black eye, said his decision was for "rugby reasons"

Carling tells why he quit

By JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

WILL CARLING announced yesterday that he was giving up the captaincy of the England team for "rugby reasons" and that it was "nothing to do with my personal life".

Carling, 30, whose friend-ship with the Princess of Wales and subsequent separation from his wife, Julia, drew intense media attention, will lead England out for the 59th and last time against Ireland at Twickenham on Saturday. He has captained England for eight years, including the 1991 and 1995 World Cups,

and led the side to three grand

slams. He said he was making way for a younger man to allow his successor to acquire experience before the 1999 World Cup.

Carling emphasised that he was not retiring from international rugby, although he could not guarantee he "wanted be around for the World Cup in 1999. Three years is a long time."

Looking emotional as he addressed the media yesterday, he was sporting a black right eye, the result of an accidental collision with Tim Rodber - a possible successor

as England captain - during the victory over Scotland in Edinburgh nine days ago. Jack Rowell, the England team manager, said: "He has come through personal pressures which have been beyond

belief. This season he has been playing as well as ever."

Carling said he was giving up on "my own terms". Before the 1995 World Cup he was dropped briefly as captain for calling those running the Rugby Football Union "old farts".

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Thatcher brush with IRA killer in Fulton demonstration FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN FULTON, MISSOURI

BARONESS THATCHER came within yards of a convicted IRA killer at the weekend and the police stood by as the man and a crowd of about 80 angry Irish-American demonstrators followed her car down the main street of this small midwestern town.
Although the demonstration

proved peaceful and the IRA knows it would gravely damage its cause if it ever attempted violence in America, the incident appeared to be a serious security lapse.

The IRA nearly killed the former Prime Minister and her entire Cabinet in the Brighton bombing of 1983 and there is no reason to suppose Lady Thatcher has ever been removed from her position near the top of the IRA's hit

Lady Thatcher was visiting Fulton's Westminster College to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Winston Churchill's famous "Iron Curtain" speech. and as part of those celebrations she and her husband. Denis, helped to re-enact the motorcade that had carried Churchill and President Truman through Fulton in 1946.

The Thatchers' Phantom VI Rolls-Royce, built for the Queen's 1970 tour of Australia. was the last in a string of vintage cars carrying various local dignitaries and three of Churchill's grandchildren. As the parade reached the main street she suddenly found herself waving, not at adoring crowds, but at scores of demonstrators led by Matt Morrison, a former IRA gunman who served ten years in Ulster's top-security Long Kesh prison for killing an RUC officer. Mr Morrison is at present fighting deportation from America.

Mr Morrison and his coleagues marched the length of the main street right behind the Thatchers' Rolls, which was travelling at walking

They chanted "Maggie Maggie Maggie, Out Out Out", distributed leaflets calling her a murderer, and held up home-made placards with slogans such as "Maggie – Do You Ever Think of Bobby Sands?", a reference to the IRA hunger striker who starved himself to death in 1981 as part of an IRA campaign to be

rat her

treated as prisoners of war. The scores of police on hand for Lady Thatcher's visit did little to keep the demonstrators away from her, and only when the parade reached the end of the main street did some townsfolk finally string out across the road to block

their path.

Mr Morrison told reporters
he had ceased being an IRA member after his imprison-ment in 1975. He said the demonstration was organised by Noraid and other Irish-American groups and had drawn protesters from St Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee and Kansas City.

It was designed peacefully to "let her know we don't hold her in the same high esteem as a number of people in the local college here".

Later in the day Lady Thatcher delivered a speech urging the West urgently to develop anti-ballistic missile defences against rogue states with weapons of mass destruction.

She toured a Wren church transported from the City of London to create a permanent Churchill memorial on the college campus. Then she posed for photographs by a chunk of the Berlin Wall near souvenir stand selling Thatcher mugs and postcards.

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London shares expected to fall

London share prices are expected to be marked down sharply today when the stock market opens. Analysts pre-dict a 50-point fall in the FT-SE 100 index Page 40

Times sales up

Sales of The Times set another new record last month. At 688,205, they were up by more than 57,000 on February last year, an increase of 9 per cent, the highest recorded by any national broadsheet daily paper.

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Labour split on Railtrack buy-back

JILL SHERMAN AND GILLIAN BOWDITCH

LABOUR was at odds last night over how Railtrack should be taken back into public ownership after the

With the £1.8 billion flotation due in May. Brian Wilson, the party's railway spokesman insisted Labour's commitment meant taking Railtrack's assets back into public ownership in their entirety. He is backing the idea of issuing preference shares to City and private investors in

return for their privatised

But Clare Short, Labour's Transport spokesman, said that was just one option the party had looked at - and it had been dropped.

Meanwhile, Tony Blair is facing mounting pressure from unions over how he will fulfil his pledge of restoring a "publicly owned, publicly accountable" railway. The Government is well advanced with privatisation and only a handful of fragments are expected to remain in the

public sector in a year's time.

announce Labour's formal position within the next two weeks so the policy can be included in the Railtrack prospectus, due to be published

early next month. It is still not clear how much detail will be revealed in the prospectus, which by law must carry a section on "political risk" warning shareholders of the threat to their investment if there is a change of Government.

Yesterday at the party's Scottish conference in Edinburgh, Mr Wilson insisted the commitment meant taking all Mr Blair is expected to Railtrack's assets back into

public ownership, "The words are unmistakable in their meaning ... we will ensure that Railtrack is in public ownership. You cannot have a publicly owned, publicly accountable railway if someone

else owns the track, the signals

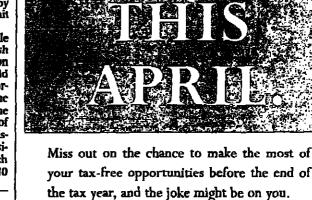
and the stations and operates them for maximisation of private profit." Mr Wilson, who has worked closely with John Prescott, the Deputy Leader, on a range of schemes for achieving the goal of public owner-

ship, is said by senior Labour sources to be backing propos-Continued on page 2, col 5

US sends battle group to Taiwan

In a deliberate warning to China, the United States yesterday moved a naval task force closer to Taiwan to foil further military action by Peking in the sensitive strait between the two countries.

China, which began missile tests last week, drew fresh criticism from Washington after announcing it would start "live" wargames tomorrow. Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, said the Chinese should end acts of "intimidation" against the island in advance of its presidential elections on March



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It's all for Art, say the Hayward Gallery nudes

By JOE JOSEPH

YOU could tell that the five women who spent all day yesterday sitting stark naked in London's Hayward Gallery were baring their bodies in the

name of Art. Even though they were exposing themselves to close examination by spectators, what made it obvious that this really was Art rather than some Soho-style peep-show was that they were doing it for just £50 — a risible rate even among the exploited "body

In the Dark, will join The Draughtsman's Contract as evidence of Greena-

artistes" of Soho. Some were also doing it for the glory

way's genius, or else of his opaque enigmatic tricksiness. The Hayward, which knows how

film director Peter Greenaway. The

elaborate South Bank spectacle, called

Art can be cruelly misunderstood, was taking no chances: while visitors were free to chat to the women, security guards kept gropers at bay. But what's it all about? "When we met Peter Greenaway at the casting

session," said the naked Tina from

of saying on their still slim CVs that Chicago "he said he wanted to take the they had now worked with the British ceven elements of cinema — actors." is high art." Felicity Schultz said they were projecting an illusion of public props, text, audiences, screens, lighting and sound - and put them in a room. It is a deconstructed cinema kit. "I felt a bit jittery this morning. At

£50 I'm not doing it for the money. Friends said they d pay me not to do it." Any learners? "I've only had one nutter. He wanted to touch me and said he'd pay me a lot of money to pose for him." Next door, Kirsty Dillon, still at drama school, had noticed that "a lot of people are fairly intimidated. You're automatically put in the position of voyeur as soon as you walk in. But this

Chatting idly to naked women might be a fifth-former's dream, but unless you have a thick hide it is embarrassing. Gawping is humiliating. Looking away makes you feel like a jellyfish. So should we pity the retired solicitor from East Anglia over there, getting his money's worth? "What prompted me to come here were the nudes," he says. He is 82, and sprightly. "One doesn't get much opportunity,

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Bruton speech cheers Unionists

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

DAVID TRIMBLE, leader of the Ulster Unionists, will hold talks in Dublin tonight with John Bruton after the Irish Prime Minister launched a stinging attack on the IRA over the weekend.

In an impassioned speech to the Fine Gael party conference in Dublin on Saturday night, Mr Bruton said: "I now ask the IRA not just to stop the violence, not just to restore the ceasefire. I ask the entire republican movement to stop thinking in terms of threats and to start thinking in terms of peaceful persuasion."

Unionists were encouraged when it emerged that Gerry Adams had been excluded from President Clinton's St Patrick's Day party at the White House on Friday, which will be attended by Mr Trimble. It will be the first time that an Ulster Unionist leader has attended the annual party. where the Irish Prime Minister traditionally presents a gift of sharnrock to the President.

Mr Trimble will use his first meeting with the three leaders of Ireland's coalition Government tonight to make clear

that London and Dublin must establish mechanisms for disarming terrorists before the start of all-party talks. Ulster Unionists are concerned that Dublin is making a loose interpretation of the final section of last month's Anglo-Irish communiqué which calls on political parties to "address" the Mitchell proposal on decommissioning at the start of

all-party talks.

John Taylor, the UUP's deputy leader, who will attend tonight's working dinner, said that before the start of the talks on June 10 Dublin and London must introduce legislation to set up the independent commission on decommissioning proposed by the Mitchell arms body. Once the talks began, political parties would then have to reach agreement on how disarmament would take place before they could move on to other

Mr Trimble hinted yesterday that his party might boycott the start of talks if the legislation for the independent body had not been passed. He told the Dublin Sunday Tri-

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bune: "It's got to be in place by June 10. If I suspect the Irish Government is deliberately dragging its feet on this because it thinks this might be a way of delaying the pressure on the Provos on decommissioning, then there'll be similar dragging of feet on other

Dublin will move cautiously on decommissioning. While it has said the issue must be addressed, it is conscious of the IRA's vehement opposition to decommissioning ahead of final political settlement. Michael Ancram, the Northern Ireland Minister, made clear yesterday that Sinn Fein could attend all-party talks only if the IRA restored its ceasefire. Asked on BBC's Breakfast

with Frost whether the explosion in west London early on Saturday was a message from the IRA, the minister said: "I have no news on that ... but I think it is worth making it clear that no amount of bombs is ever going to bomb the IRA or Sinn Fein's way to the negotiating table. It can only bomb their way from the table."



President Robinson, centre, talking to Wendy and Colin Parry yesterday

Robinson unveils memorial

Irish President, vesterday visited Warrington, where an IRA bomb exploded three years ago, to unveil a book commemorating all the victims of the Troubles since then. She met Colin and Wendy Parry, the parents of Tim, 12, who was killed in the blast in March 1993 along with Johnathan Ball, aged

three. Mrs Robinson, who has visited the Cheshire town three times, also officially opened a week-long irish festival, known as the Fleadh. Mrs Robinson had been invited by The Bridge, an organisation set up to promote peace and understanding with Ireland.

The book containing the names all those killed in Irishrelated terrorist attacks since the Warrington bomb, will be kept with a book containing messages of condolence from Irish people.

After the meeting, Mr Parry said: "The Irish President is clearly one of the leading ambassadors for peace in Ireland. She is always keen to show solidarity with peace

IRA may end bomb warnings

ANTI-TERRORIST detectives fear that the IRA has stopped giving bomb warnings after the explosion in west London on Friday night (Stewart Tendler writes).

The IRA has not admitted responsibility for the blast but Scotland Yard's Anti-Terrorist Branch believes that it was responsible. It is not clear what the bomber's target was. One theory is that the bomber lost his nerve and dumped the bomb on the way to his destination.

In past campaigns the IRA has given no warnings of attacks on military targets, but has used a recognised codeword to give warning of devices in public places.

The small Semtex device had been placed behind waste bins in a lay-by outside the Brompton Cemetery in Old Brompton Road. The explosion damaged buildings and vehicles near by. Police said the bomb may have been made from material known to he missing from the arms cache found at the home of Edward O'Brien, the

Aldwych bus bomber.

NEWS IN BRIEF New prison * terms hit by

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Michael Howard is expected to have to postpone plans for tougher sentences for persistent burglars and drug dealers because of a shortage of places in jails. Whitehall is considering a phased programme while jails are built.

The Home Secretary admitted yesterday that his proposals would mean an increase in the number of prisoners. He told BBCI's Breakfast with Frost that the Government had yet to establish how many new jails would be needed.

Pensions boom

Appeals tribunals for war pensions are to be increased to meet a backlog of appli-cants. More than 10,000 people have applied for pen-sions after a Royal British Legion campaign. Another factor is the change in the law that prevents the payment of pensions for hearing loss of ess than 20 per cent.

Gas explosion

Several buildings in Lancasa gas explosion that was believed to have been caused by a leak. Police said there were not thought to be any injuries but a number of premises in the city's Cheapside area had been evacuated. Fire crews were tackling the blazes.

Doctor held

A hospital doctor at the centre of a worldwide police hunt since the death of his wife in the Dutch town of Ulaardingen in 1988 was arrested as he finished his rounds at Bedford Hospital. Harrold Boejharat, 50, has been charged with murder and remanded in custody by Bow Street magistrates.

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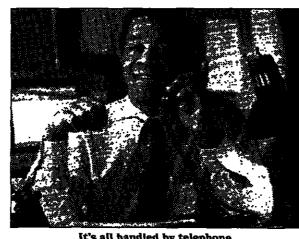
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Liverpool sets record council tax to meet £44m shortfall

By A STAFF REPORTER

LIVERPOOL City Council set the country's highest council tax yesterday but managed to stave off compulsory redundancies for its workers, at least

for the time being. Hundreds of workers lobbied the town hall as the Labour-controlled authority agreed a 4.5 per cent increase in council tax, making Liver-pool the first place in the country to have Band D bills above El.000.

A total of 863 jobs were under threat but after a series of meetings with union officials over the past few days the council agreed a package that will involve the loss of an estimated 140 jobs, mainly through voluntary redundancy measures.

The moves to bridge a £44 million budget shortfall before midnight last night included wide-ranging cuts in

services and contributions to voluntary and community groups, with charges for school lunches going up from 85p to £1 a day. The council's 24,000 em-

ployees will be asked to sacrifice one day's pay, agree a pay cut of 2 per cent for six months and forfeit a scheduled annual pay rise of almost 3 per cent. Despite the cuts, the council has still to find a further £2.5 million in savings by the end of this month.

Harry Rimmer, the council leader, emphasised that 85 per cent of properties in Liverpool were in council tax bands A and B, making the average bill

Frank Prendegast, his deputy, said: "This Government has a policy which is to destroy local government and local services. The budget we've put forward we believe

rule out some of the injustices being forced on us by central government." The opposition Liberal

will go some way to trying to

Democrat group had earlier proposed an alternative budget package which included a rise in council tax of 3.5 per cent. Mike Storey, leader of the Liberal Democrat group. said that as soon as the budget was agreed there would be a massive hole appearing in it. We will spend the next 12 months in crisis trying to deal with the problems you've created," he told the Labour

result of their stewardship."

group. He agreed that central government had created big difficulties for Liverpool, but added: "Labour have had 13 years in control of this city and the deficit and the budget crisis we face are a direct

Toll-free milk

The Isle of Skye's first milk float has been allowed across the toll bridge to the mainland free after initial attempts to make milkman Dougie Henderson pay. Mr Henderson. who used to work on the Skye ferries, claimed his electricpowered float should be exempt from the £4.20 charge as it pays no road tax.

Railtrack row

Continued from page 1 als for the share swap. That would give the Government technical ownership of the track system, but dividends would still be paid to shareholders. The proposal has the advantage of low cost to the Treasury, but City sources called it a legal minefield.

Ms Short insisted the idea had been ruled out. "That option was certainly looked at among others, but it will not be in the Railtrack prospectus. It would be silly to go watertight on what option when we haven't yet got access to all the expertise you have got in Government."

Public ownership of Railtrack has become the key-stone of Labour's strategy for taking back control of the railways as the Government has accelerated its British Rail self-off. Buying it all back would cost at least £4 billion and has been ruled out by Mr Blair and Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor.

Labour has been struggling to come up with a legally watertight buy-back formula since the Shadow Cabinet reshuffle in October when a previous policy document

drawn up by Michael Meacher was scrapped.

It is facing growing criti-cism from the rail unions, who regard the delay in announcing the policy with suspicion and doubt the sincerity of Mr Blair's commitment to a publicly owned railway. Ms Short accused the Gov-

ernment this weekend of tak-ing risks with rail safety stem through its "policy driven obsession to sell off everything by the election". However, Sir George Young, the Transport Secre-

tary, speaking on BBC Radio 4's World This Weekend, denied allegations that he has ordered Roger Salmon, the franchise director, to complete the sale of all 25 rail franchises by the next election to make the privatisation irreversible. So far, only two rail franchise sales have been completed. A further four are expected to be handed over to private

bidders by the end of May. Railway Inspectorate officers continued their investigation yesterday into Friday night's Stafford train crash involving a feight train and a mail train. One man died and

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Girl of 13 suffered multiple organ failure, spent six weeks on ventilator and had toes amputated

Meningitis victim home after five months in hospital

By Jeremy Laurance, health correspondent

A GIRL of 13 who spent five months in intensive care after contracting meningitis will return to school tomorrow for the first time since last

Michelle Aucott, from Nuneaton, was given a one-in-ahundred chance of survival when she was taken to the intensive-care unit of Wals-grave Hospital, Coventry, on September 14. She was suffering from meningococcal septicaemia, a complication of meningitis in which the bacterial infection is spread through the body by the bloodstream, causing a sharp drop in blood pressure and multiple organ failure.

She lapsed into a coma, her kidneys ceased to function and she was on a ventilator for six weeks. Large areas of her skin disintegrated as the blood supply failed and she had to have her toes amputated. However, doctors were particularly concerned to save her fingers as she is an accomplished musician who plays saxophone with a local band. She was in intensive care until

Richard Matthews, a con-

weeks she was critically ill and thereafter she could have been blown off course for a very considerable time. She was so ill we did not dare operate on her to start with. Meningitis has been such a scourge in people's minds and here's one who survived. She's such an ebullient kid."

sultant plastic surgeon who

performed extensive skin grafts, said: For six to eight

Michelle's mother, Diane 36, from Stockingford, Warwickshire, said: "On the day Michelle was admitted the consultant said there was a very distinct possibility she would die. Five months later, as we were coming home, he said to us: "There's only one acceptable outcome, isn't there, and this is it.' I think that's right."

Mrs Aucott said that at the height of her illness Michelle had a septic rash covering most of her body. "It was purple at first and then it went black. Her fingers were black and very swollen and it looked as if the blood supply to them was failing. That worried us most because her music is her

When surgeons decided her toes could not be saved, they promised they would not dam-

Michelle Aucott with her mother yesterday. Surgeons promised they would save her fingers so she could continue to play the saxophone

age her hands. "They told her she would be able to stand and walk and would have her fingers to play her saxophone," Mrs Aucott said. "She's a fighter, she's stubborn and

Michelle required skin grafts to 20 per cent of her body but there were few areas from which to take healthy

she's very strong-willed."

skin. Surgeons employed a her face but she is determined technique in which healthy skin taken from her thighs was sliced into a net and stretched to make it go further. The graft has taken and new skin is growing to fill the net. Mrs Aucott said: "She is

trying to walk and she can

manage a few steps on her

own. You can see the pain on

to get back to normality." After five months in which everything was done for Michelle in hospital, Mrs Aucott said she was frightened when she came home. She and her husband, Terry, 40, a sheet metal worker, have two other children aged 12 and 9.

"I had had the back-up of all

geous ladv

Yesterday Michelle said: "1

the staff watching Michelle and making sure she was think about what happened. I OK," Mrs Aucott said. "Now concentrate on getting better. I've got that responsibility. She said her feet were painful The staff on the intensive-care but she was relieved that her unit got very close to her. They hands were unaffected. "I did everything for her, nothing was too much trouble. I would rather lose my toes than my fingers." think they think she's a coura-

Was she looking forward to school? "I'm a bit nervous but it's boring at home."

CASES of meningococcal meningitis increased by more meningitis is life-threatening and needs urgent treatment. Symptoms of meningits are fever, severe headache, nau-sea and vomiting, dislike of

than a third last year to their highest total for six years. There were 1.827 cases, 483 more than in 1994, and 185 One in ten of the population

carry the meningococcal bacterium in their throats at any one time and can pass it to vulnerable people by kissing or other close contact.

Meningitis occurs in two main forms, viral and bacterial. Viral meningitis is a mild, flu-like illness that requires no

Deaths on increase special treatment. Bacterial

> light and a stiff neck. This is followed by drowsiness and in some cases loss of consciousness. In about half of cases there is also a blotchy red rash. Symptoms of meningococcal septicaemia are fever with vomiting, rash, cold hands and feet, rapid breathing and pains in the stomach,

Woman out with dogs is found murdered

By Helen Johnstone

A WOMAN who was out walking her dogs was found murdered yesterday in the shallows of a river. Her two dogs were found whining and barking near by.
Police were last night trying to identify the woman, whose

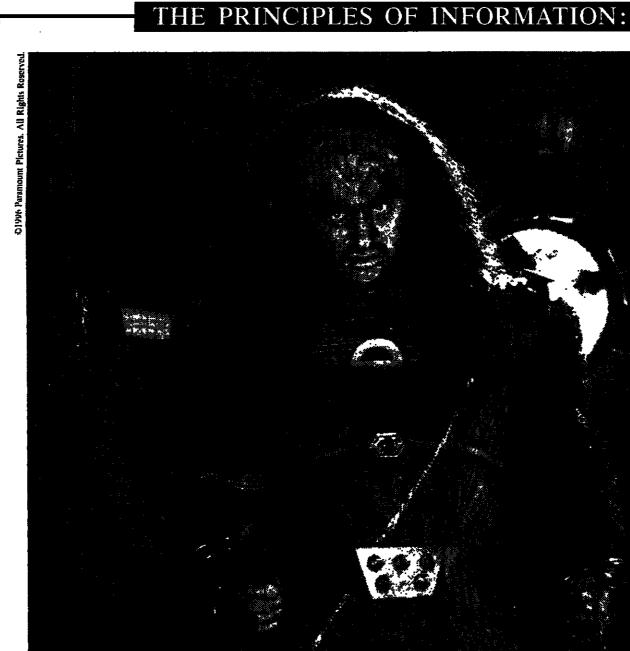
body was discovered in the River Ely in the Fairwater area of Cardiff by a passerby.

the results of a post-mortem examination to establish the cause of death. The woman was in her mid-thirties and was wearing a wedding ring. engagement ring and eternity

ring.
Police said they had not ruled out a sexual motive. The woman's body was partially clothed and torn clothing was found near by.

The murder scene, alongside a field overlooked by housing, is a quarter of a mile from the spot where Geraldine Palk, 27, a shipping clerk, was raped and murdered five years ago as she returned home from her firm's Christmas party. Her partially clothed body was found in a children's playground 100 yards from her home after she was stabbed and battered to death. Her killer was never

caught. The woman was described as 5ft 5in tall, slim with shoulder-length brown hair and brown eyes. She was wearing a brown leather flying jacket with a sheepskin lining and a diagonal zip, and a beige and green mottled cable-knit sweater.



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computer link to tell of attack By CAROL MIDGLEY

Coma man uses

A MUSICIAN who spent two years in a coma after what was thought to be a rail accident has managed to tap out a message on a computer that someone tried to kill him. Police have re-opened their investigation into the injuries to Geoffrey Wildsmith, 21, who was found lying in a pool of blood on a train home from Hasiemere

Part of his skull and brain were missing and there were traces of flesh by an open window in the carriages. Detectives concluded that he had leant out and either been hit by a passing train or a tunnel.

His mother. Marie Appassamy, said yesterday that the message had come as a terrible shock. When the police told me what he had been able to tell them about the attack I just couldn't believe it. I find it hard to come to terms with the fact that anyone would hurt him. He was loved by everybody.

For nearly two years we have all believed it was an accident and now the police are investigating something more sinister.

She said the time when her son regained consciousness to acknowledge her was the most wonderful and emotional moment. "It was only a single sound on a buzzer which the hospital had rigged him up with but it meant the world to

Mr Wildsmith, who was completely paralysed and in a vegetative state at the Royal



Geoffrey Wildsmith before the attack

Hospital for Neuro Disability in Putney, southwest London, began to show movement in his finger last month. Technicians set up a computer with a buzzer and an alphabet code to enable him to communicate.

Asked if he remembered his accident he tapped out, letter by letter, that it was not an accident but a deliberate attack. Dr Keith Andrews, the hospital's medical director, called in the police and a team led by Detective Inspector Ron Wainer visited Mr Wildsmith in the ward.

playing on the night of the attack with his band Rich and Farnous at the Haslemere Hotel. The band had made demo tapes in London record-

They took down his story and began reinterviewing the people questioned at the time. They have also managed to track down two others and Mr Wildsmith, a bass gui-tarist then aged 19, had been

Sonic the Hedgehog wins a place in cinema history

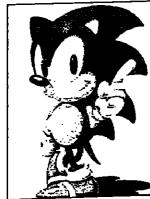
By DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

SONIC the Hedgehog is to join film classics such as Charlie Chaplin's 1925 The Gold Rush and Abel Gance's 1927 Napoleon in the National Film and Television Archive.

The British Film Institute has decided that video games are an art-form that needs to be preserved for posterity. The aim is to ensure that early examples of the moving image's latest format are not lost, and to give historians of the future an insight into popular

As well as Sonic, the archive will have games cartridges, discs and cassettes from the early electronic era, such as Space Invaders, to the latest virtual-reality adventures.

It is thought that 80 per cent of the films made in cinema's first 35 years have been lost; Hitchcock's 1926 silent. The Mountain Eagle, is among those that are feared gone forever, Jane Clarke, the BFI's assistant director, said: "We



Sonic an "icon" of popular culture

are determined not to see early computer games disappear in the same manner as many of our early films.

"Although occasionally we are lucky enough to uncover a treasure, as happened last year when we came across film of the 1895 Derby, it is unlikely that we will ever rediscover more than a small

number of lost films." The national archive holds some 275,000 items. The BFI believes that the video-game

ers 100 years from now to learn more about the lifestyle and interests of young people

in the late 20th century.

"We're interested in not losing that history. Popular culture often teils you so much about society." Ms Clarke said. Video games have also influenced films. with spin-offs such as Super Mario Brothers, starring Bob Hoskins, released in 1993.

She acknowledged that there may be criticism of such support for popular culture, rather than "art", but said: When cinema started in 1895, it was in the music hall and fairgrounds. It was a popular, mass art-form. We are totally unashamed of showing some-

thing with mass appeal." Sega, the Japanese company that produces Sonic, the biggest-selling video game in Europe, said: "We are proud that this icon has been

☐ An original French poster for Napoleon is expected to reach about £15,000 at auction at Christie's tomorrow.

The Government is indicating that it is moving towards granting a referendum. That's all to the good. But it must be genuine. Obviously the Government's commitment should be unconditional and the referendum would need to be held prior to, or at the same time as, the next General Election.

But an agreement to hold a referendum only if the Cabinet decides that sterling should be absorbed into the European single currency would be an empty gesture. That decision is unlikely to be made during the life of this Government. The commitment to hold a referendum following the General Election would be of limited value because a future Government would not necessarily be bound by it.

The referendum should allow for a full debate on the sort of Europe of which Britain wants to be part. There are two principal visions of Europe.

The original plan was that the European Community would consist of a family of nations which would pool some of their sovereignty, but only where necessary and never against the will of any nation. This was set out in the White Paper when Britain joined the EU (then the EEC), in which it was stated, "There is no question of any erosion of essential national sovereignty... all the countries concerned recognise that a commitment to impose a majority view in a case where one or more members consider their vital interests to be at stake would imperil the very fabric of the Community."

The other vision is that of a single European super-state into which would be fused existing European nations. This super-state would have one government, one parliament, one over-riding Court of Justice and so on. That is the Europe of Maastricht. Whether we like it or not, Maastricht has put us on "automatic pilot" towards such a single European state.

The referendum needs to ensure that people can decide which Europe they seek for Britain. The referendum on a technical aspect of the Treaty, without a full debate on the fundamental issue, would be no more than a continuation of the fudge and subterfuge which has led Britain into a European construction diametrically opposed to that which was approved during the 1975 referendum on our membership of the EU.

That is why we urge the Government not to duck the issue and not to believe that they can defuse the problem by making a hollow commitment. On the contrary, they must encourage a full, open and fair debate on the most important issue that any nation could possibly have to face.

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Sheriff of Newbury takes on the treetop greens







Nicholas Blandy, left, the man charged with evicting protesters from the treetops, says the job is among his toughest. Tony Juniper of Friends of the Earth, right, contends he should never have had to do it

BY STEPHEN FARRELL AND ALEXANDRA WILLIAMS

THE cost of policing the Newbury bypass protest passed El million this weekend. with the opposing sides remaining as entrenched in their views as when forcible evictions began two months ago. The clashes between tree-dwelling "ecowarriors" and road builders show no signs of abating.

The man responsible for clearing the precarious tree houses, 60ft above ground and linked by rope walkways, is Nicholas Blandy, the resolute Under-Sheriff of Berkshire. "I think it's very important to create the atmosphere that we are not going to get stopped and the road is going to get through, which is as it should be," he says.

Ranged against him is Friends of the Earth, the organised arm of the protest movement, and its deputy campaigns director. Tony Juniper. This is the most destructive road in the entire national roads programme," he says. "I don't think people will allow this to happen again, now they have seen the wanton

The protesters' tactics have not been without success. When the evictions began on January 9, the total policing bill for the 2½-year bypass project was estimated at £12 million. "We are only two

'We are not going to get stopped and the road is going to get through, which is as it should be'

months into it and we have already spent more than we expected," a Thames Valley Police spokesman said.

The work of getting the tree-dwellers down is proving slow and arduous. Mr Blandy, however, points to his success in clearing the main camp last week. Over two days bailiffs, professional climbers and tree surgeons evicted scores of demonstrators from the oaks, beeches and sycamores at Snelsmore Common, the focus of protest along the nine-mile

Experienced activists had earlier dug hundreds of feet of tunnels through the soft, damp soil, preventing heavy buildozers from entering the woodland in January. However, by Friday most of the dreadlocked denizens of the treetops had been plucked from the branches and the trees cleared.

On the ground, Mr Juniper kept his binoculars focused on his task of orchestrating the anti-road information campaign. Above him a naked eco-warrior. wearing only red rubber gloves and treetop protesters had resigned in disgust.

vaseline, hopped from one branch to the next as the climbers and bailiffs pursued him in a cherrypicker crane. In the next tree, a "druid" calling himself Arthur Uther Pendragon shouted support as Newbury house wives below clapped and

Other locals detest the ree-dwellers. Lorry drivers often jam CB radio frequencies used by the protesters. Mr Juniper

one third of his time at Newbury, patrolling the security cordon, explaining the issues to journalists and seizing on whatever events can be

turned to advantage. Within seconds of hearing that a mountaineer hired to evict

telephone to the Friends of the Earth office dictating an instant press release. For two years, he has had the issues and details at his fingertips. He is paid £25,000 a year to know every argument and counter-argument put out by the Central Office of Information and at the Highways

Mr Juniper is passionate in his beliefs. He argues for better public transport, park-and-ride facilities, flyovers and underpasses at roundabouts and more freightto-rail, instead of a bypass created, as he

sees it, to benefit landowners on the route and allow developers to build along it. The Under-Sheriff has no illusions about his popularity among the eco-warriors. Mr Blandy, a 47-year-old solicitor whose father was Under-Sheriff before him, has brought in bailiffs, climbers, cranes and a tunnelling expert. He says: "I need to get all aspects of the law right, which would be extremely difficult to do if I wasn't a solicitor. It is all down to experience. You also learn the job from the person who has done it before. which in my case was my father. "I'm not a military man, so I don't know

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what a military campaign is like, but it must be something similar. You know basically what your objective is and where you are going each day, but you don't know who you are going to meet.
"Some of these people feel very deeply

about roads and find peaceful means of protest. I don't have a problem with them. Others are here to cause public nuisance and for them I have very little sympathy." To date, 447 people have been arrested at the bypass, mainly on charges of aggravated trespass and obstructing the sheriff. the building of the road, claims that it will remove up to 30,000 vehicles a day from the busy A34, including 400 heavy lorries per hour at peak times, improve air quality and cut road accidents. It insists that two public inquiries and an agency study found no better solution to the problem of congestion in Newbury, through which the A34 runs.

Anti-road campaigners dismiss the inquiries, saying they were never allowed to consider the wider issues of whether there should be a bypass, only where it should go. They argue that better traffic management and public transport policies would solve the problems without destroying ancient woodland and sites of archaeological and special scientific interest. Mr Juniper mourns the loss of such sites - "all gone" - and blames "shortsighted Department of Transport policies for this nonsense".

For Mr Blandy, Newbury is, he admits, one of the most difficult evictions he has had to carry out. Apart from the soft hillside, the tree houses and the extensive tunnelling that stopped the contractors' heavy diggers moving into the main Snelsmore Common camp area on schedule, the protesters' highly personal tactics have done nothing to endear them to him. "My address and home telephone numated trespass and obstructing the sheriff.

The Highways Agency, responsible for Internet," he says. "Bloody cheek."

'Some are civil, others abusive'

TREE-FELLERS employed at the Newbury bypass normally clear 80 trees a day, but spikes and barbed wire inserted in the trees by the "pixies" on the bypass route have reduced the rate to ten.

The three self-employed tree-fellers hired by Blackwells, the route clearance contractors, earn £250 for a five-day week. They remain earthbound while 18 higherpaid tree surgeons clamber above from tree to tree, isolating the protesters by lopping off branches using chainsaws hanging from their belts. Once the protesters are out.

the fellers move in. On normal jobs they can take anything from three minutes to three quarters of an hour to cut a tree after the initial assessment of risks from power cables, situation and where they want it to land. At Newbury the hazards slow them dramatically, leaving the fellers with little sympathy for their adversaries.

"I can sleep at nights," a 42year-old with six years' experience said. "We have to have blokes going around in front of us to make sure there's no metal left in the tree or we can end up with a chain flying off into our face. Very few people



The evidence collector and the tree-feller, workers who are left with little sympathy for their adversaries

know that the trees they spike can't be taken away to use for pulp wood. They have to be burnt, so some other tree somewhere else has to be cut down." The tree-feller, a local man, claims that only 25 per cent of the oak, sycamore, beech, ash, cherry and silver birch on Snelsmore is good-



quality timber.

Of the protesters, he says "Some of them are quite civil and talk to you. Others shout abuse, but it goes in one ear and out the other. I'm all in favour of the bypass. I have to

make sure I'm through Newbury before 7am other-

wise it adds an hour to the

Each day six police evidence teams patrol the camp-sites to gather intelligence and evidence for prosecutions. They operate in pairs, one carrying a video camera. the other a tape recorder.

An average day may pro-duce one hour of filming, filed away and kept for five years. The job is done by volunteers who receive between one and The police teams are supplemented by separate evidence collecters from the Treasury Solicitor's office, who operate in threes and wear green

Like the police teams, their evidence is crucial for prosecutions. The films and tapes are backed by intelligence from undercover officers who have infiltrated the main protest groups months earlier.

Thames Valley Police is in control of the operation, in-volving hundreds of officers on foot or horseback or in patrol cars that block access roads. Extra manpower is supplied by other forces.

The officer in charge of the operation is Assistant Chief Constable Ian Blair. Day-today control rests with a senior officer designated "Bronze Commander". A Thames Valley Police spokesman refused to discuss how many officers

were deployed each day.

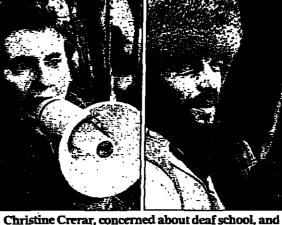
Working alongside the
police are 650 white helmeted private security guards from Reliance Security, who are paid £4 an hour and work in teams of between ten and 18, overseen by a red-helmeted supervisor, who earns 25p

'If you don't care, you're wrong' gramme or, failing that, to

a tree goes down?" Christine Crerar, 50, who lives near the proposed bypass, shouted at a policeman. You are only puppets. You didn't join the police force to watch this. None of you did. You have got to live with this for the rest of your

There is a school for deaf children at the top of that hill the Mary Hare School]. They learn classical music by laying their heads on the table and listening to the vibrations. This route is going through the grounds of their school. The noise of the traffic will

stop them from hearing low sounds. They will not be able to talk to each other in the playground. You cannot tell me that you agree with that and condone it. If you don't care about that there is something wrong with you, you don't belong in the police force. I don't think you are human. You have got to stand up and do the job you were asked to do, to uphold and protect people. What you are doing is blatantly not what you signed up to do." Ms Crerar, of East End, Hampshire, told Hampshire Constabulary PCs 2258 and 1937. The constables were reinforc-



Jerry, veteran protester and breacher of the peace

ing Thames Valley officers underneath the last treehouse to be demolished at Snelsmore Common on Friday. Her niece Alicia, 12, attends The Mary

Hare School for the Deaf. Adding to the disruption of the peace is Jerry. His voice is the first thing heard at Newbury every day, drowning out even the chainsaws and ululating vegans. The bailiffs and police receive a constant barrage of taunts and sarcas-tic advice from the amplified public address system inside his bright orange rucksack.

Warnings also blare out to tree-dwellers threatened by sheriff's officers sneaking up from the branches below.

Aged 34, he is a full-time anti-roads activist. He became involved in April 1992 when he lived near the Twyford Down protest. He ended up carrying his son in front of a bulldozer and has never looked back. After Twyford Down came Bath and then Newbury, where he and other "eco-warriors" have refined tactics in an effort to defeat the road-building promake it as expensive as pos-He is the all-round protest-

er, permanently wearing a and Davy Crockett hat as he runs around the security cordon offering support to those in the trees. Inside the rucksack is also a citizens' band radio base station and handset, and a mobile telephone. All ensure constant contact with the 15 CB stations linking the "twigloo" camps along the nine-mile route and the fre-quencies change every day to stop local CB enthusiasts and lorry drivers jamming them.

A single parent, he does not have to sign on every week for his £60 benefit payments, giving him more time to protest. I do a bit of PR, liaison with other camps, hassling security guards and ground support," he said of his role.

"For me it's not so much the land but the damage done to the ozone layer that's at stake. It's part of the national or even global transport problem, all linked with global warming and fumes from the internal combustion engine. That's why I'm here. And I'm going

Scientists may realise Franklin's dream

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

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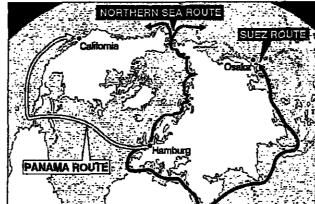
attempting to discover the fate of Sir John Franklin, who disappeared with two ships in 1847 while searching for the fabled Northwest Passage, is hoping to fulfil the Victorian explorer's dream of a new trade route to the Pacific.

Dr Peter Wadhams, of the Scott Polar Institute in Cam-

A MAN who has spent years bridge, led an expedition to after his expedition became the Arctic that unearthed evitrapped in ice. Dr Wadhams is now a leaddence about Franklin and his ships the Erebus and the Tering figure in the international effort to open a route across ror, which left England in

the roof of the world. The Northern Sea Route, linking the Atlantic and the Pacific through the Barents and Bering seas, will increase trade by cutting the voyage from European ports to Osaka to 22 days. The route through the Suez Canal takes about 32 days. The new route would also rival the Panama Canal.

The International Northern Sea Route project, involving 100 research institutes and trade organisations in several countries, is studying new designs for icebreakers as well as legal and insurance issues. The project has the backing of Neil Kinnock, the European Transport Commissioner. The Commission is to spend part of its maritime research budget on new ice-breaking tech-



nologies. Captain Lawson Brigham, formerly of the United States Coast Guard and now at the Scott Polar Institute, said the economics of the route had been made more favourable by global

warming.
Dr Wadhams said yester-day: "Satellite readings show that a retreat of the ice on the Arctic fringes is occurring. If it

The scheme could end the West's dependency on the Suez Canal, which is in a politically unstable region. Western firms would be able to exploit Siberia's diamond, oil, gas and precious-metal resources. The research group will produce its findings in

many more months of the

year, if not for 365 days."

Drivers aim to cross frozen strait

A TEAM of drivers hopes to be the first to drive all the way from Europe to the United States by crossing the frozen seas of the Bering Strait between Siberia and Alaska in an 18,000-mile expedition called Project Overland.

The squad of eight drivers (two Russian, two German, and four Italian) left Turin, (taly, in November in four specially adapted lorries made by the Italian manufacturer lveco. As they drove through eastern Siberia, often across Northern Sea Route open for areas without roads, temperatures fell to -35C and they were beset by blizzards.

They are now at the small coastal town of Pevek, eastern Siberia, and aim to reach the Bering Strait in the next two weeks. Satellite technology will show if the ice is thick enough for them to make the

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Brown defends cut in benefits after conference defeat

By JILL SHERMAN AND GILLIAN BOWDITCH

GORDON BROWN put up a robust defence yesterday of his plans to dock benefits from work-shy claimants after the proposal was heavily defeated at the Scottish Labour Party conference in Edinburgh. The Shadow Chancellor re-

fused to give way after conference delegates overwhelmingly rejected his proposal to withdraw 40 per cent of benefit from young people who refuse to take up a job or training place. While delegates backed his proposals to secure better job opportunities supported a resolution condemning the compulsory element of the scheme. The plan, yet to be ratified by the national party, has been privately opposed by some members of the Shadow Cabinet.

Yesterday Mr Brown echoed a phrase used by Tony Blair on Friday that hard choices would have to be made in Labour's manifesto when rights would have to be matched with responsibility. He insisted that under Labour's plans, young people under 25 would have four choices: to get a job with a private employer, a voluntary organisation. Labour's environmental task force or earn a place on a training scheme.

"For the first time, real jobs not schemes. For the first time, wages not just benefits," said Mr Brown. "For the first time, high-quality training, not the stigma of poverty pay. For the first time, a plan to abolish youth unemployment and money to pay for the plan. "And just as I say that it is

right that opportunities and responsibilities go hand in hand, so I also say it is right that the unfair profits of the privatised utilities should pay for a fair deal for the country's young unemployed."

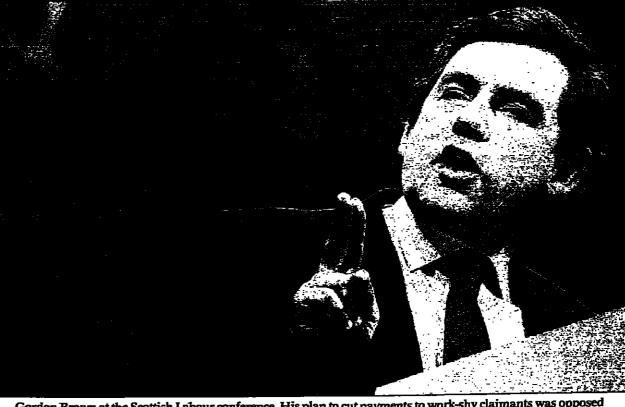
Mr Brown was given a lukewarm reception for an otherwise low-key speech.

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which focused on the job insecurity that he said had been created by the Government. "It is an insecurity that scares men and women in their 40s and 50s who fear if they lose their jobs they will never find another one; insecurity that terrifies young couples who worry that if they lose their jobs they will lose their homes too."

The earlier conference defeat for Mr Brown followed signs that the Scottish party has still to be convinced of the merits of new Labour. The leadership suffered a number of defeats, including a call for Trident to be scrapped and a motion calling on the party to set targets for full employment within a specified timetable, both of which are against national policy.

But party strategists nar-rowly avoided another damaging defeat when, after successful arm-twisting in the early hours of yesterday they



Gordon Brown at the Scottish Labour conference. His plan to cut payments to work-shy claimants was opposed

managed to stop a motion calling for a vote on the re-nationalisation of privatised utilities and on a set figure for a national minimum wage of half average male earnings. The resolution was proposed by the Transport and General Workers Union and seconded by the Manufacturing, Sci-

ence and Finance Union. But after long negotiations, the sponsors agreed to omit the resolution in the interests of

In his closing speech to the conference. Jack McConnell, general secretary of the Scot-tish Labour Party, urged his audience: "We have record levels of support and we can be confident about the general election - but we must never be complacent."

☐ Labour pledged yesterday to help small firms as John Major prepared to unveil proposals to cut red tape and case the burden of Whitehall and European regulations. On the

eve of Mr Major's speech. Labour released a briefing paper accusing the Tories of

betraying fledgling firms. It said that the five leading priorities of small businesses were economic stability, laws against late payment of bills. lower taxes, bigger grants and subsidies, and less red tape.

Labour 'to

take M&S

line' over

complaints

By Nigel Williamson

WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR has consulted

Marks & Spencer about ap-

plying its methods of dealing

with complaints to govern-

The party believes that

M&S's refund-without-ques-

tions policy could provide the

model for consumer satisfac-

tion in the public sector.

Derek Foster, Shadow Public

Services Minister, said: "As

part of the stakeholder con-

cept we are looking at how the

the design and delivery of

services. The complaints

mechanisms operated by

Marks & Spencer are a model

Under the Labour scheme,

consumers would be given a

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ment services.

Sceptics threaten revolt on **EU White Paper**

By NICHOLAS WOOD CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LEADING Tory Euro-sceptics reiterated their warning yesterday of a Commons revolt unless the Government promises to claw back powers from Brussels in tomorrow's White

But with ministers planning few concessions, the risk increases that John Major will be defeated a week before the Turin summit on the future of Europe.

The protest threat, led by Norman Lamont and Bill Cash, came amid continuing Cabinet anxiety over Kenneth Clarke's refusal to accept a referendum on a single currency. Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister. has been asked to take charge of efforts to persuade Mr Clarke

to give ground. Mr Clarke is said to oppose a referendum on constitution al grounds, arguing that important decisions in a parliamentary democracy should be taken by Parliament. He also fears a simplistic campaign in which rightwing newspapers would whip

up sentiment against the euro. Bill Cash. MP for Stafford, said the White Paper should seek to reduce the powers of the European Union. "It is not enough to throw in a few titbits. If the omissions are so great, I would anticipate that a significant number of people would want to vote against the White Paper ... I would be very likely to do so."

Mr Cash's comments on BBCl's On the Record were supported by Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, in the same programme. He said the White Paper should concentrate on repatriating powers lost to Brussels. In many areas. Britain has ceased to be a self-governing country. Only this week we've seen what happened in fishing. The House of Commons actually passed an Act of Parliament to protect the British fishing industry from being bought up by the Spaniards and we've been overruled by the European Court. I

don't think it's acceptable." John Townend, the newly elected chairman of the 92 Group, the biggest backbench grouping of rightwingers, and Christopher Gill, one of the former eight whipless Eurorebels, also hinted at voting against the White Paper.

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The Government is hoping to avoid humiliation in the debate on the White Paper on March 21 by effectively giving Conservative MPs the night off. But with Labour considering turning out in force, ministers may have to rethink their tactics.



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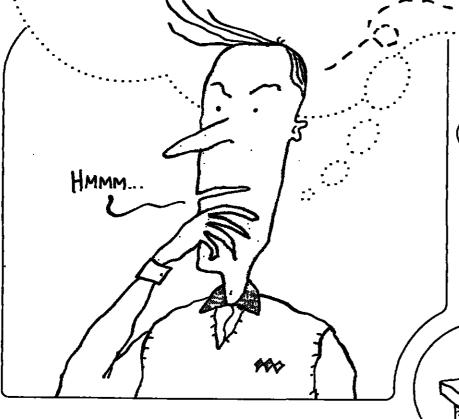
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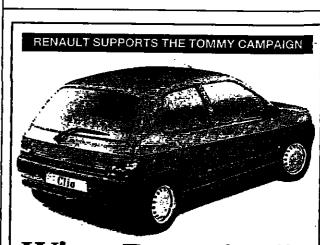
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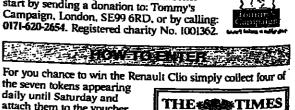
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Two boys fight former MP for title

High Court to rule on who succeeds flamboyant peer

THE Attorney-General has intervened to settle a five-year legal wrangle over who is the rightful heir to Lord Moynihan, who died in the Philippines while running a string of massage parlours.

The three Moynihans hoping to ascend to the House of Lords are Colin, a former Tory Sports Minister and Olympic rowing medallist who is a half-brother of the late Liberal peer; Daniel, the five-year-old son of a Filipina belly dancer: and Andrew, the seven-yearold child of another of his oriental brides.

The favourite to succeed to the peerage, awarded in 1922 to Berkeley Moynihan, a distinguished surgeon, is Colin, who will be able to resume his parliamentary career in ermine having lost his Commons seat at the last election.

DNA tests have been performed to help to decide which of the contenders should inherit the multimillion-pound estate left by Lord Moynihan when he died in 1991.

A High Court hearing in May will settle who succeeds the five-times married peer, who went to Manila in 1970 to evade a string of arrest warrants. The hearing will also decide whether Lord Moynihan was technically still domiciled in Britain. The Crown will pursue a claim for millions of pounds in unpaid tax if the courts decides he

Ranged against Colin Moy-nihan are two of his Filipina sisters-in-law: Editha, the fourth wife, who worked in one of Lord Moynihan's massage parlours, and Jinna, 29, a receptionist, who went on a belly-dancing tour of Asia with her husband.

DNA tests have been performed at the London School of Medicine to try to settle the dispute. The Times understands that they show conclusively that Andrew was not Lord Movnihan's son. There is no such dispute over Daniel. But Daniel may yet be denied the chance of sitting in



Colin: strong claim



Andrew: DNA test



Daniel: fresh doubts

the House of Lords. The High Court hearing in May will also be asked to decide whether to set aside the divorce decree that ended Lord Moynihan's marriage to Editha in December 1990. If that happens the marriage to Jinna would have been bigamous, and Daniel will not inherit. The divorce decree was is-

sued by a court in Tunbridge

judges will be asked to agree, does not have any jurisdiction over a couple married and resident in Manila.

If the court decides that Lord Moynihan was "domiciled in England" the divorce would stand and Daniel would become the fourth Lord Moynihan. However, if it decides the late lord was not a British resident for tax purposes the divorce will not stand, which would nullify his next marriage, leaving the way clear for Colin to inherit without any tax difficulties.

Separate legal proceedings have been initiated by Editha to try to prove that her signature on the divorce papers had been falsified by the late Lord Moynihan.

Charles Vance, the trustee of the title and executor of Lord Moynihan's will said: "The natural heir would be the firstborn legitimate son of Lord Moynihan. What is in dispute is whether Andrew, son of the fourth wife Editha, is legitimate, which is dependent on the outcome of the DNA tests. If he is not the son of Lord Moynihan then his son Daniel, by the fifth wife Jinna, would be the natural heir. That is assuming that his marriage to Jinna was not bigamous. In the event that both of these children was disqualified from inheriting the title, for whatever reason, the heir would be Lord Moynihan's half-brother, Colin."

Mr Vance, a theatre producer, would not discuss the results of the DNA tests but he said: "They have an indisputable outcome which will have a definitive effect on the inheritance of the title." The Attorney-General be-

came involved when Editha, who was seeking to have her divorce set aside, ran out of money to pursue her claim. A spokesman for the Attorney-General's office said: "The Attorney-General intervenes in a private suit whenever it might affect the prerogatives of the Crown. Dealing with peerage claims is a prerogative of the Crown."



The goshawk population had declined to about 250, but has tripled since a ban on shooting and trapping, and controls on pesticides

Predator revival ruffles human feathers

WILDLIFE groups are at odds over the protection given to birds of prey, once persecuted close to extinction but now among the most cosseted creatures in Britain.

Owners of grouse moors say their livelihoods are threatened because they are legally powerless to control the growing number of predators, such as peregrine falcons and hen harriers. Pigeon breeders say their birds are increasingly falling prey to sparrowhawks, which pounce as the pigeons leave lofts, and to peregrines, which intercept

Ranged against these sporting interests is the 890,000member Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, for which the recovery in bird of prev populations is a proud and ealously guarded success. Thirty years ago many birds of prey looked to be in

homing pigeons during races.

terminal decline because of shooting, trapping, egg collecting and pesticide poisoning. Sparrowhawks had decreased to about 20,000. peregrine falcons to 700, gos-

Relaxation of the tough legal protection for birds of prey is being urged by shooting enthusiasts, reports Michael Hornsby

hawks to 250 and hen harriers to no more than a few dozen. But since the banning of the most pernicious pesticides, such as DDT, and the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act. which outlawed ill-treatment, these birds have roughly tripled in number.

At the same time, however, many gamebirds have been in decline. The red grouse has dropped from about 500,000 breeding pairs to about 250,000 in the past 20 years, and many estates are finding it increasingly difficult to

make a profit.
The Scottish Landowners' Federation is pressing for the law to be relaxed to allow selective culling of birds of prey under licence. Graeme Gordon, the federation's convener, said: "The conservation lobby seems to regard raptors as some kind of sacred creatures which cannot touched, and that is wrong." Earl Peel, who owns a 5,000-acre grouse shoot in North Yorkshire and is chairman of Game Conservancy, a charity dedicated to preserving gamebirds for sport, said:

There seems to be more than just a tinge of double standards in the attitude taken by the RSPB and some other conservation bodies. After all, the RSPB accepts the need to control predators such as foxes and crows on its own Before the Second World

War many Scottish estates averaged 40 grouse per 250 acres. Now the average is between 20 and 30, estimated to be at or below the minimum required to generate sufficient shooting income to cover costs. A study at Badenoch, Highland,

on radio tracking and kill searches, suggested that hen harriers and peregrine falcons killed up to 30 per cent of young grouse. But their targets may have been mainly the weaker birds that would have died anyway.

The RSPB said that the

number of peregrines and hen harriers was still low. despite their recovery. Mark Avery, head of research, said: We think overgrazing of heather moorland is a far bigger factor in the decline of grouse. Maybe we are seeing a conflict between sheep and grouse, rather than raptors and grouse."

Jemima Parry-Jones, direc-

tor of the National Bird of

Prey Centre at Newent, Gloucestershire, said that raptors and their prey were selfbalancing. "You may get a short-term imbalance, but birds of prey would not be increasing if they were not finding enough to feed on." Pigeon breeders and racers

believe they face a greater threat from sparrowhawks. which may now number

90,000, according to Major Edward Camilleri, head of the Royal Pigeon Racing Association. "They will come back to your loft day after day," he said. "They knock their prey to the ground, stunning them as they fly out of the loft, and then eat them alive. Farmers can protect their livestock against predators but we are not allowed to."

A five-year inquiry into the impact of birds of prey on grouse, conducted on the estate of the Duke of Buccleuch in Borders, is due to report next year. The Game Conservancy Trust and the RSPB are among the sponsors.

A giant eagle owl has been recaptured in Gloucester after being released from its cage. The Iranian eagle owl, which has a 6ft wingspan, was netted after being spotted on a roof several days after its release. possibly by animal rights activists. The RSPCA said: "The bird was starving and had been traumatised by attacks from other birds such

Find boosts hope of cure for disease

By A STAFF REPORTER

DOCTORS believe they have made a breakthrough in the search for a cure for Hurler's Syndrome, a rare but fatal children's disease. It attacks the nervous system and causes deformities, usually killing sufferers before the age of ten.

The most effective treatment is a bone-marrow transplant. but donors can be found for only about a third of patients. Doctors at the Christie Hospital in Manchester say they have discovered a process to correct the enzyme deficiency that causes the disease. They hope to start clinical trials based on their research soon. Professor Mike Dexter, dep-

ury director of the Paterson Institute, the hospital's re-search arm, said his research eam had shown that the cause of the disease - one missing enzyme - could be corrected by infecting cells from human bone marrow with a specially engineered virus. The virus contains a gene which triggers production of the missing

Hospital seeks far-sighted volunteers for eye surgery

By Nigel Hawkes science editor

A LEADING London hospital is looking for volunteers for a trial of laser surgery to correct their vision.

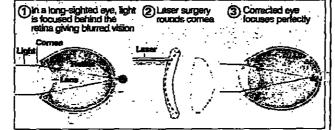
Anybody between the ages of 21 and 65, who suffers from either far-sightedness or astigmatism, can volunteer for the trials at St Thomas's Hospital in southeast London. They will be treated free after assessment by a consultant ophthalmologist, and followed for at least two years.

The hospital has been cor-

recting short-sightedness by the same methods since 1989, and more than 1,000 people have been treated. For low to moderate short sight, 90 per cent of those being treated now can throw away their glasses or contact lenses.

Professor John Marshall. who directs the trials, said: "We are very confident that the trials for far-sightedness and astigmatism will prove equally beneficial."

Some clinics already provide laser treatment for these conditions, but only limited LASER SCULPTURE



data on success rates have been published. David O'Brart, a consultant ophthalmic surgeon at the hospital, says one problem has been that far-sightedness can recur

So far ZI patients have been treated at the hospital for far sight and are doing well. Thirty patients with astigmatism - in which the eyeball is not perfectly round, causing distortions of vision - have also been treated. The hospital is looking for another 30 or so far-sighted people, and 40 to 60 with astigmatism.

The principle of the treat-ment is resculpting the cornea using a laser beam. The curvature of the comea is increased by producing a laser beam in the form of a doughnut or Polo mint, which sculpts material away from the outer regions and leaves the centre untouched.

The actual treatment, carried out under local anaesthesia, takes only 15 minutes and is painless. Painkillers are available to deal with any soreness, which can last up to 36 hours. Volunteers should write enclosing a copy of their most recent spectacle or contact lens prescription to: Excimer Laser Trials, UMDS-St Thomas's Hospital, Dept of Ophthalmology, Lambeth Palace Road, London SEI 7EH.

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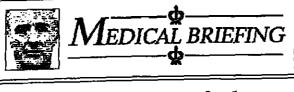
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Unsavoury risks for pigeon fancier

THOSE in danger from the 4,000 pigeons missing from Trafalgar Square are not diners at a smart restaurant but the pigeon catcher. plucker and cook. Skilled chefs are likely to

have little difficulty in distinguishing the breast of a scrawny London feral pigeon from that of a plump Norfolk woodpigeon. Pi-geons stuffed with mushroom and served with foie gras may cause indigestion but will not give rise to pneumonia. meningitis, psittacosis or an organic dust pneumoconiosis. These diseases may result in weeks, months or years of illness, and, in the case of those whose resistance has been lowered by an immunocompromising disease or

drugs, even death. Any of these maladies, as well as a dose of salmonella. could be the price that the pigeon thief of Trafalgar



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Square might have to pay. Most pigeon fanciers remain in excellent health, but close contact with pigeons, and many other birds including poultry, budgerigars, canaries and seabirds, risks infection with Chlamydia psittaci, which is spread by the inhalation of contaminated dust from birds' feathers dried faeces or the

occasional peck. The infected bird-lover develops psittacosis, a severe form of atypical pneumonia. The death rate among those in whom there has been a delay in treatment has been

as high as 30 per cent. A rare infection with a fungus. Cryptococcus neoformans. was occasionally found in the past in people who looked after pigeons, or even cultivated ground contaminated with their droppings.

The fungus is present in the soil in small, usually harmless, quantities but has recently become important as the cause of pneumonia and meningitis in patients who are immuno-compromised. Most doctors will by now have seen cases in patients with Aids.

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my former Norfolk Finally, the pigeon rustler

ma, which is the important pre-disposing factor. Few restaurants cook pigeons better than that of Carla Phillips, The Sunday Times's award-winning chel, at The Moorings, Wellsnext-the-Sea. I will continue to enjoy pigeon with my Sunday lunch but will resist any temptation to coo at the

America presses Assad to attend anti-terror summit

By Christopher Walker in Jerusalem, Charles Bremner and Our Foreign Staff

THE United States and Egypt were attempting yesterday to persuade President Assad of Syria to attend this Wednesday's unprecedented anti-terror summit in southern Sinai, or to at least send a senior

A Syrian presence among the 32 countries that will meet in the Red Sea resort of Sharm El Sheikh would be regarded as a key step in isolating the Islamic extremists now threatening Israel as well as a number of moderate, pro-

Western regimes in the Gulf. By last night there had been no answer from President Assad. The Syrian media studiously ignored the summit, to be attended by Presidents Clinton and Yeltsin.

As preparations for the summit proceeded, a potentially damaging split was emerging between the key players. America and Israel are insisting that the primary aim is to combat the spread of Islamic terrorism, Egypt claims it is to discuss the future of the peace process.

Radical Arab states and the Israeli right wing have ridiculed the costly and remote summit, organised after the series of suicide bombings by Hamas in Israel which have killed about 60 people and

traumatised the nation. Behind the summit rhetoric, many politicians and radical leaders are viewing it as an attempt to prop up Shimon Peres, the embattled Prime Minister of Israel facing an election, and Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Authority leader who faces pressure from Israel

to crack down on Hamas. Israel's right-wing Likud party said contemptuously: This is a summit to save Shimon Peres, rather than to

do anything about terrorism." But Mr Peres, expected to push for sanctions against Iran, said the presence of a large number of Arab states at such a security forum was evidence of "a new Middle East in which the Arab world is joining in Israel's fight against terrorism

European Union foreign

ministers meeting in Palermo at the weekend issued a sharp call to Iran to condemn terrorism directed at Israel. But the 15 ministers made clear that they would not back American demands to isolate Tehran.

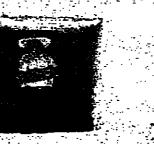
The EU also called on Israel to reopen the borders of Gaza and the West Bank, closed since last week, as it was undermining Mr Arafat.

in the West Bank yesterday Qassam, the military wing of Hamas, vowed to resume its suicide attacks. The warning came after Mr Arafat met the CIA which presented him with a list of the five most wanted Hamas men in the West Bank and Gaza.

Later yesterday Mr Arafat's forces claimed it had arrested three key Hamas militants, among whom was Abdelfattah Satari, the commander of Qassam. In retaliation. Qassam said it was renewing its suicide operations and urged Mr Arafat to stop doing Israel's "dirty work".

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Summit framework: from left, Presidents Duran of Ecuador, Samper of Colombia, Fujimori of Peru and Sanchez de Lozada of Bolivia at a pre-Incan citadel over the weekend. They, and Venezuela's Foreign Minister, Miguel Burelli, were in Peru for an Andean Pact gathering

MI5 traces network of Hamas funding

By Adrian Lee AND MICHAEL EVANS

MIS has uncovered a network of organisations in Britain raising funds for Palestinian causes which could be providing a vital lifeline to Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, whose attacks with suicide bombers have killed nearly 60 Israelis in the past two

One organisation, the Palestinians' Relief and Development Fund, also called Interpal, a charity based in northwest London, has had its bank accounts temporarily frozen by the Charity Commissioners, although it has not been accused of sending money to Hamas.

Security sources, however, said yes-terday that a number of other charities were involved in similar fundraising. possibly as many as half a dozen.

An Israeli diplomatic source in London said vesterday that Britain and Germany were the two main

European countries where Hamas fundraisers were operating.

The source said: "We have given

clear information to the British Government. There is more going on here than people want to acknowledge

However, Essam Mustafa, vicechairman of Interpal, said: "I am very angry that our name has been

He said his organisation would continue to raise funds but denied its

hands. He said the charity was nonpolitical but refused to condemn Hamas.

"It is not our job to condemn anyone but we are opposed to all violence," he

Yesterday as it emerged that the Government is considering new antiterrorism laws. Moshe Raviv. the Israeli Ambassador in London, said Britain was "certainly part of the

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Voters in Iran back economic reforms

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

ECONOMIC reformers in Iran who back President Rafsanjani's policy of opening up the isolated state yesterday claimed victory over hardline conservatives as early results emerged from parliamentary elections. The results were seen as an

upset for the conservatives. who have used their predominance in the 270-seat parliament, or Majlis, to slow Hojatoleslam Rafsanjani's free market reforms. "Radical change in Mailis"

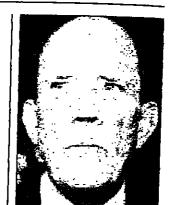
and "New faces dominate Majlis" were the headlines in Iranian newspapers. The partial results will pro-

vide some comfort to the President as Iran faces condemnation at Wednesday's anti-terrorism summit in Egypt over allegations of involvement in suicide bombings in Israel.

A spokesman for the pro-Rafsanjani Servants of Iran's Construction said: "Perhaps 75 per cent of all winners are our candidates." The group emerged only last month and is led by high-profile technocrats including four vice-presidents, the Americaneducated central bank gover-nor and the President's daughter. Faezeh Hashemi.

The President's gravest concern is that ties with Europe to offset a US trade ban are now in peril. The EU indicated yesterday that sanctions could be imposed unless Iran con-demns "all acts of terrorism". It said EU ministers would visit Tehran to "emphasise that if the dialogue is worth continuing it must show some progress on such fundamental issues as the Middle East peace process and terrorism".

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Malan: cancer was found "four years ago"

Trial upset by Malan leukaemia

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH AFRICA'S biggest murder trial has taken a dramatic turn amid disclosures that General Magnus Malan, the Minister and the main defendant, has leukaemia.

A report in the Johannesburg Sunday Times disclosed yesterday that the general, who is due to appear in the Durban Supreme Court today, was diagnosed with the disease four years ago and has received treatment.

Late last year it was discovered that General Kat Liebenberg, a former head of the South African Defence Force and a co-accused, has prostate cancer.

General Malan, 66, and 19 others face murder and conspiracy to murder charges over a hit squad that allegedly assassinated ANC leaders. He told the Sunday Times: "I don't want to play on anyone's sympathy. The case

must run its course and my health is a personal matter." However, questions will be asked about the physical impact of court proceedings on his health. Hearings have been set down for three months but are expected to

Mugabe motorcade raises little but dust

FROM JAN RAATH IN BULAWAYO

THE crowd of perhaps 300 Mr Mugabe's presidential charge of electricity has passed through it the moment the first of the 18 vehicles in the presidential motorcade comes

speeding down the dust road. Speeding down the dust road.

Children, limp from waiting, heat and hunger, spring into an orderly line to wave party flags and grin. Soldiers in full combat kit sprint to positions around the clearing. The dark-suited security men almost outnumber the crowd.

almost outnumber the crowd. The bullet-proof black Mercedes-Benz comes to a halt and from behind the limousine's black curtains emerges President Mugabe, acknowl-edging the adulation.

Although this is Matabeleland, where memories of the massacres by the Zimbabwe Army are still strong, the election posters are in Shona, the language of Mr Mugabe and most of the party hierar-chy. Those who have been waiting are lucky the Presi-dent has come, a secret policeman says. If there were not enough people, I would tell him on this radio not to come."

people reacts as if a great campaign has come to shake up the village about 18 miles south of Bulawayo. The show has been on the road for six weeks now and is winding up for the two-day elections next

weekend. The contest is hopelessly unequal, Mr Mugabe facing token challenges from faded veterans, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole and Bishop Abel Muzorewa, leader of the Rhodesian internal settlement in 1979. But Mr Mugabe is leaving nothing to chance and has thrown millions of dollars. much of it from state coffers.

into a well-oiled campaign. A plainclothes policeman notices me counting the number of vehicles in the motorcade, and demands to know why. So you want to report negatively on Zimbabwe, he says. The contents of my wallet are minutely scrutinised, and the group of men in sunglasses swelling around me writes down details of my press card and my blood donor's card. An hour

later they let me go.

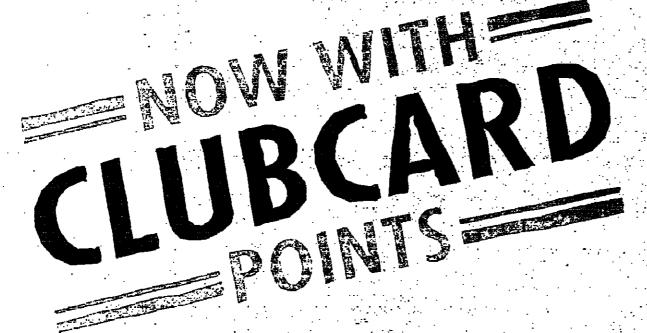
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Buchanan threatens to deny Dole his support

PAT BUCHANAN unleashed a savage attack on Robert Dole vesterday, describing the Republicans' presumptive presidential nominee as a hollow, duplicitous candidate who has no ideas and has sold out the middle class.

The conservative commentator, whose candidacy plummeted after his early win in New Hampshire, was so angry that he said he was not certain he would support Mr Dole when he takes on President Clinton in the automn

Mr Buchanan's outburst, in an interview with the Associated Press, was full of derisive comments about Mr Dole which will be a gift to the Democrats for the Clinton campaign. Many analysts share the Buchanan view that Mr Dole has yet to make a convincing case that he should

ENCOURAGED by Republi-

can Party divisions and Rob-

ert Dole's seemingly inevitable nomination, Washing-

ton's political soothsayers and

pollsters are predicting victory

for Bill Clinton in November.

White House are the first to

acknowledge it would be

wrong to make that assump-

tion. There is no certainty of a

third-party candidate, and the

voting system, combined with

an electoral map that has

swung sharply against the Democrats in the past three

years, suggests a two-way race

that may bring open trench-

Eroded support in the South

warfare for the Oval Office.

But political gurus at the

Mr Buchanan was speaking in the final run-up to "Super Tuesday" tomorrow, when seven states hold primaries for 362 delegates. Mr Dole, anticipating a clean sweep, refused to be drawn by Mr Buchan-an's fusillade, saying he pre-ferred to keep his focus on Mr

The very mention of Mr Dole's name stoked anger in Mr Buchanan, who vowed to stay in the race and selectively target a few states, even if Mr Dole mathematically clinches the nomination with the required 996 delegates in the next few weeks. "What does Bob Dole stand for that we all ought to get behind?" Mr Buchanan asked. "The answer is: nothing."

The prospect of Republicans remaining divided after their convention in August is already alarming the party establishment.

despite Republican split

has undermined a traditional

power base and ensured the

President must defend all the

Under election rules, each

state receives a number of

delegates to the electoral coll-

ege and the candidate with the

highest vote wins all of those

delegates. In 1992, for exam-

ple. Ross Perot won 19 per cent of the national vote but no

delegates. Mr Clinton gained

only 43 per cent and won 370

delegates, well above the 270 needed to become President.

lost then has returned to the

Democratic fold and Mr Dole

should he win his party's

nomination, can expect an

ELECTION 1996: HOW THE DELEGATES LINE UP

But none of the 18 states he

states he gained in 1992.



traced to Mr Dole's attack in a commercial in New Hampshire describing him as "too extreme" to be President. Mr Buchanan complained that the advertisement stayed on the air for a week after Mr Dole had said it was being withdrawn. Mr Buchanan blamed the commercial and the party establishment's opposition to him for dimming his hopes of victory just

immediate base of 168 seats in

Polls suggest Georgia, Loui-

siana, Tennessee and Ken-

tucky would be removed from

the Democratic coalition and

that 72 electoral college votes

may be lost there, in lowa,

Mountain states. The remain-

ing 23 states where Mr Clinton

can triumph carry 298 votes,

He is reasonably confident of taking 14 of those and the Dis-

nia, New Jersey, Ohio, Michi-

gan, Pennsylvania, Illinois,

Wisconsin and Missouri -

and their 175 delegates are the

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The other eight - Califor-

trict of Columbia.

key to the election.

Leaning to Republicans, 222 votes...

ecround states, 213 votes......

Nevada, Maine and the Rocky

the electoral college.

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tougher on Mr Dole because he wanted to win on ideas. If lost, he did not want to damage Mr Dole's last chance, at the age of 72, of being President. Those good intentions can be said to have evaporated. He insisted Mr Dole would

need his help in winning middle-class and blue-collar support, saying the senator had "sold them out twice" by supporting higher taxes and trade deals. As to where else Mr Buchanan could go, he mentioned the new Reform as he had almost got to the top Party, but its founder, the billionaire Ross Perot, has Clinton faces tough battle expressed no interest.

Mr Buchanan was caustic about leading Republicans who said they would not support him as the nominee, a group that includes Colin Powell, the retired general. He linked them to Mr Dole as "an empty, vapid, nothing establishment that is interested only in power. It has no ideas, no vision. It just wants its limousines back at any and all cost. The ethics with which it conducts its battles are

Steve Forbes, the wealthy magazine publisher who is trailing badly, rejected Mr Dole's call to drop out of the race. He said he will hang on to try to force the Republicans to adopt his flat-tax proposal.

Morry Taylor, a wheel and tyre manufacturer, dropped out and endorsed Mr Dole after spending \$6.5 million (£4.2 million) of his own money on a campaign that collected only 7,000 votes and no delegates.

Clinton role: Hillary Clinton was not a passive investor in the Whitewater affair, but the key financial manager in a loan for the failed Arkansas land venture, it is claimed in an extract from a new book to be published by Time magazine today (Tom Rhodes writes).

The book says that the First Lady maintained a family investment in the Whitewater deal long after she and her husband were urged to get out by partners.

Much of what appears in Blood Sport, the eagerlyawaited account by James Stewart, a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, is at odds with statements made under oath by President Clinton and his

CHINA is raising the stakes in

its game of brinkmanship

over Taiwan by launching

large-scale amphibious exer-

cises using live ammunition

southwest of Taiwan tomor-

row. The war games, which

will be monitored by Ameri-can naval forces, will seal off

half the southern approach to

Taiwan's civil aviation au-

thorities said yesterday more

than 300 flights a day would

have to change flight path. It

said: "We consider the area

near Communist China's exer-

Taiwanese government officials said China would be

held responsible for any inci-

dents in the live firing of Scud-

like missiles into the sea close

Taiwan's President Lee

Teng-hui, 73. who has trig-

gered Peking's fury, said yes-

to Taiwan's two main ports.

cises a danger zone."

the busy Taiwan Strait.



Baroness Thatcher speaking at Fulton, Missouri, on the fiftieth anniversary of the address by Churchill in which he launched the term "Iron Curtain"

Thatcher warns West of 'rogue state' dangers

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN FULTON, MISSOURI

THERE is no longer an Iron Curtain, but the world faces a more sinister and explosive situation in the combination of rogue states with weapons of mass destruction, Baroness Thatcher said in a speech on Saturday at Westminster College. Fulton, where Churchill warned the West in 1946 of the coming Cold War.

She said in part: "When Soviet power broke down, so did the control it exercised. however fitfully and irresponsibly, over rogue states . . . The Soviet collapse has also aggravated the single most awesome threat of modern times: the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. These wearons ... are today acquired by middle-income countries such as Iraq. Iran. Libya and Syria acquired sometimes from

other powers like China and

South Korea, but most omi-

nously from former Soviet

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

terday that Taiwanese should

remain confident despite the

storm. He was campaigning

for the island's presidential

announced its live-fire exer-

cises in the strait, President

Lee declared in a television

address: "I want to emphasise

that force and threats will not

obstruct our pursuit of democ-

who is poised to win the

presidential election, will lead

the island to independence.

tang (Nationalist) party which

set up government on the island after it lost the civil war

with the Communists in 1949.

he believes in one China, but

that the mainland Govern-

ment needs to be more demo-

cratic. "The aim of Commu-

Mr Lee has maintained that

Peking believes Mr Lee,

racy, freedom and dignity."

On Saturday, after China

elections on March 23.

-arsenals, or unemployed scientists, or from organised crime rings ...
"All of northeast Asia,

southeast Asia, much of the Pacific and most of Russia could soon be threatened by the latest North Korean missiles. Once they are available in the Middle East and North Africa, all the capitals of Europe will be within target range and, on present trends. a direct threat to American shores is likely to mature early

in the next century. "Add weapons of mass destruction to rogue states and you have a highly toxic compound. As the CIA has pointed out: 'Of the nations that have or are acquiring [such] weapons, many are led by megalomaniacs and strongmen of proven inhumanity or by weak, unstable or illegitimate governments." In some instances, the potential capabili-

China war games trigger aviation alert

nist China's exercises is to

interfere with the elections

and reduce the votes of the

President," he said. China

says its war games are de-

signed to warn the "renegade

province" not to push for

toring the exercises.

ties at the command of these unpredictable figures is either equal to or even more destructive than the Soviet threat to the West in the 1960s ... It is that serious ...

"Because the risk of total nuclear annihilation has been removed, we in the West have lapsed into an alarming complacency about the risks that remain. We have run down our defences and relaxed our

"Given the intellectual climate in the West today, it is probably unrealistic to expect military intervention to remove the source of the threat ... That means the West must install effective ballistic missile defences which would protect us and our armed forces, reduce or even nullify the rogue state's arsenal, and enable us to retaliate."

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Legislators monkey with the teaching of evolution

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

DARWINISM is again under threat in America's Deep South, where a state legislature may soon permit schools to dismiss reachers who portray evolution as fact. The move, now in committee stage in the Tennessee senate, has evoked memories of the notorious 1925 "monkey

in Alabama, biology textbooks must now carry inserted disclaimers which declare that evolution is simply "a controversial theory" and advise the pupil: "No one was present when life first appeared on Earth. Therefore, any statement about life's origins should be considered

as theory, not fact." In Georgia, the attorneygeneral has been asked to consider whether creationism" - the belief that Earth is but a few thousand years old and that n was created in one bound by God - can be included in the high-school science curriculum.

The origin of man is enough of an issue for the fundamental Christian line to have been adopted by Pat Buchanan in his run for the White House and for Tennessee's Republican Governor to stall on expressing an opinion. Christian fundamentalists are alert to the threat biology teachers may present to a literal interpretation of the Old Testament

Many teachers oppose the Tennessee Bill. Jerry Winters, for the Tennessee Education Association representing teachers, said: "The Bill would have a chilling effect on the curriculum. This is not a religious issue but a teachers' rights issue." There are reports of teachers declining to mention the origin of man in class, for fear of attracting censure from devout parents, while others are rushing through that part of the curriculum before the law changes.

Supporters of the Tennessee Bill speak of an intolerance among teachers, and a responsibility to point out to children that Darwinism is only a

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A Tennessee state senator, David Fowler, said: "If evolution is true, then it has nothing to fear from some other theory being taught: the truth will prevail. But if intelligent design is the truth, then God forbid that we should not teach it to our children."

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BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

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Day today because it says the Foreign Office has ordered it to close its exhibition galleries as a cost-cutting

The institute also predicts that it could be forced to close altogether next year — the year Britain hosts the next Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting. The institute says the Foreign Office has ordained that it become self-financing by April 1997, two years earlier than the date

effect accuses the institute of getting its facts wrong. It says the institute was originally told to become self-financing by 1995, and that the Government was generous in agreeing to extend the deadline until next year. The institute insists that it was given until

Stephen Cox, Director-General of the institute, said: That suggestion is ludicrous. We would never close all the galleries at the same time and I can show you the letter ordering us to close. The galleries are now closed for the foreseeable future."

America has condemned the missile drill as "reckless". William Perry, the Defence Secretary, said a US guidedmissile destroyer and a surveillance aircraft were moni-Hong Kong: Gyaincain Norbu, the boy of six China has designated as the eleventh Panchen Lama, the secondholiest Tibetan monk, participated in his first religious ceremony over the weekend (Jonathan Mirsky writes.) It was held in a Tibetan monastery in Peking where the child has lived since his installation Fire across the Taiwan Strait as China flexes its military

Cuts wreck institute's Commonwealth party

THE Commonwealth Institute will be

With the Foreign Office and the institute at loggerheads over its future the Queen will, ironically, mark the day with a speech calling on people to work in partnership with one another.

originally set by the Government. However, the Foreign Office in 1999 to become self-supporting, and that moving the date forward means that it now faces total closure.

And whereas the institute says it was forced to close its exhibition galleries following "a directive from the Foreign and Commonwealth Of-lice", the Foreign Office says the galleries were due to close anyway in January for refurbishment.

The Foreign Office also says the institute, which occupies a Grade II listed building in Kensington High Street, London, is being "premature" in predicting its early demise. "We have given them plenty of time, it is now up to them to source their own

funding," a government spokesman said yesterday.

A spokeswoman for the institute, which is officially a museum established by an Act of Parliament, said: The staff are going to be absolutely devastated that we are not taking part in Commonwealth Day. There are usually several hundred schoolchildren here, enjoying themselves and

absorbing the message about the principles of the Commonwealth." The institute has already suffered severe cuts, with government funding plunging from £2.8 million in 1995-1996 to £995,000 allocated for 1996-1997. Staff numbers have fallen from

96 in 1993 to 26. In her Commonwealth Day message, the Queen says: "A successful partnership depends on mutual respect and friendship, and what matters is not what people are.

but what they can contribute to the common purpose".

The message, distributed to schools in Britain and throughout the Commonwealth, is due to be read aloud in the presence of the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh by Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, at a multi-faith ceremony in

Westminster Abbey later today. "The Commonwealth is an excellent example of this kind of partnership. The 53 sovereign nations who belong to it have vastly different social and ethnic traditions, but it has been able to fashion unity out of this diversity." the Queen says.

Queen's message, page 18

Wounded Russians beg a lift out of sniper-plagued Grozny

THE young, unshaven face stared out nervously from the sandbagged position and beckoned us forward, while another sentry trained his machinegun on our

The bloody flare-up of fighting in the heart of the Chechen capital has left Russian troops in such a precarious position that they had to seek the help of foreign journalists to evacuate their wounded over the weekend. Many of the Chechen fighters may have slipped away from their miserable capital, but for the outpost of Russian troops at Position No 4 the soldiers were taking no chances. "We lost several men to the Chechens, so we cannot be too careful," said Andrei, a haggard



Tattered uniforms, squalid garrisons and little medical help for the injured: Richard Beeston in Grozny watches the war-weary Russians desperately trying to keep Chechen rebels at bay

though he had not slept since Chechen rebels launched their lightning raid on Grozny last

Housed in a once elegant building that used to serve as a kindergarten, the outpost bore the familiar characteristics of the squalid garrisons based in this troublesome corner of the Russian empire. Discarded tins and empty

junior officer who looked as bottles of vodka littered the muddy ground, while demoralised conscripts in tattered uniforms scanned the rooftops of neighbour-ing buildings for the elusive snipers who daily torment their lives.

Although the base houses several dozen Interior Ministry troops and is the headquarters for the Russian military in the northwestern sector of the city, it was stranded in a no-man's-land during the fiercest fighting Grozny
has seen in more than a year.
You are the first people we have seen from outside the base in four

First the position's water supply. and electricity were cut, then it began to run low on food, and finally the soldiers discovered to their horror that they were scaled off from other Russian units by Chechen gunmen concealed in residential neighbourhoods.

"We were told to come here and help to restore order in the city but instead we found ourselves in the thick of a full-scale war," said Colonel Aleksandr, an affable career soldier whose resources are stretched to the limit.

"I do not mind fighting, that is what I am trained for. But three of my men died because nobody came to evacuate them to safety.

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To emphasise the plight of his forgotten outpost, he swallowed his military pride and asked foreign journalists whether they would use their armoured car to ferry his wounded soldiers to safety and if he could borrow their satellite communications to let the families of his men know they

When it was agreed to take away the wounded a virtual stampede of young, injured men clamoured around the car for what was clearly their only hope of escaping Grozny and receiving the medical treatment they urgently require. For those young soldiers who

were still alive.

their contribution to this unpopular conflict is probably over for

Elsewhere in the capital less fortunate Russian troops have the task of trying to reimpose their authority over a largely hostile population, which has repeatedly rebelled against Moscow's rule. Near the city centre squads of soldiers driving at full speed in

armoured personnel carriers dispersed across the devastated streets over the weekend in a huge operation to flush out the last rebel

Although the sound of automatweapons fire and the explosion of grenades suggested that they were carrying out their mission

with zeal, few if any rebel gunmen were killed or captured in the noisy

display of force. Certainly at Position No 4, the men were in no doubt that the Chechens would one day reappear to challenge, and possibly break, their shaky hold over the city.

Casualty figures from the latest fighting are still unclear, but the Interfax news agency last night quoted an official from the Rus-sian-backed Chechen Government as saying that about 100 civilians had died.

Earlier reports had said that 70 Interior Ministry troops had been killed and 40 were missing. The ministry said that 170 of about 1.800 Chechen fighters had been killed and 100 injured.

Britain and France block Maastricht role for Euro-MPs

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PALERMO

EUROPE had a foretaste of the hard bargaining it can expect at the forthcoming Maastricht review yesterday when France and Britain joined forces to block an attempt by the rest of the European Union to give the European Parliament a role in the negotiations.

The relaxed surroundings of a seaside hotel in Sicily did little to nurture a compromise among Foreign Ministers over an issue which the majority of European states see as going to the heart of the Union's failure to inspire the trust of its citizens. Germany and the 12 other EU states want to involve the Parliament in the inter-governmental conference (IGC) opening in Turin on March 29.

The conference will spend more than a year revamping the treaty for the next century, and all EU members except Britain and France argue that. as an elected body, the Parliament would add democratic legitimacy to the task, helping to avert the public opinion disaster of the original Maastricht negotiations.

Britain and France, the two states most opposed to any increase in the Parliament's powers, insist that it has no

tions. Joining forces, Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, and Hervé de Charette. his French counterpart, refused to accept a compromise proposal, put forward by the Italians, that would have required the Parliament to be kept closely informed on the IGC talks. Instead they insisted that the Parliament's representatives should be briefed

only once every few weeks. A similar mechanism operated in the Maastricht round. "No one suggested any logical reason why the European Parliament should be party to the negotiations." Mr Rifkind said. Expressing a rare Anglo-French accord, M de Charette said: "By definition it is a negotiation between governments and the Parliament has no place there."

He added that he was sure matters would be settled to ensure a smooth launch for the IGC when heads of state open the conference at a lunch in Turin. But Klaus Kinkel, the German minister, made no secret of his annoyance. "It is not very encouraging if Foreign Ministers are incapable of reaching an agreement on this kind of thing," he said, adding: "The French and the British proposed a compro-

able to the Parliament: Germany will not accept any compromise if it is not acceptable by the European Parliament." Officials said the issue would be discussed at the Foreign Ministers' meeting in Brussels on March 25.

Carlos Westendorp, the acting Spanish Foreign Minister, who chaired the EU's main preparatory group for the IGC, said it was essential for the Parliament to be brought into the talks so that Europe's citizens could understand what was going on. "If we do not succeed in having European Parliament representatives with us, we are going to fail," he said. Euro-MPs played a full part in Señor Westendorp's preparatory group which laid out the ssues the IGC will face but was not a negotiating forum.

Many MEPs are threatening to obstruct the new treaty if the Parliament is not given observer status at the talks and allowed to express its opinions. Hans van Mierlo, the Dutch Foreign Minister. said the issue was an important symbol, adding: "It is not a very good signal when we trip over a symbol." Italy, which now holds the

EU presidency, will seek a new compromise and bring it



Susanna Agnelli, left, the Italian Foreign Minister, in conversation with Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, on a sightseeing trip to Monreale, near Palermo, the Sicilian capital, before yesterday's talks

to the next Foreign Ministers' meeting. Nations also face a tussle over the make-up of the European Commission, where small nations have one representative while Germany. France, Italy, Britain and Spain have two each.

The squabble over the Parliament offers a snapshot of the conflict that can be expected between the more federal-

members, led by Germany, and the minority, dominated by Britain, which is reluctant to yield any more national power to the EU's centralised institutions. With the Franco-German alliance under strain, London and Paris are likely to make common cause in several areas at the IGC, highlighting their attachment to

national sovereignty.

agenda for the IGC when the Government produces its White Paper on Tuesday, Mr Rifkind also said he expected to finish work this week on an analysis requested by John Major on the pros and cons of a referendum on whether Britain should join monetary union (EMU). But he refused to be drawn on his conclusions and said the study would

EMU is not on the agenda at the IGC, although it could be brought into play when the negotiators discuss calls by several member states, the European Parliament and the Commission for commitments on job creation to be included in the new treaty.

but merely set out options.

Peter Riddell, page 16

Mladic and Karadzic defy atrocity tribunal

By Eve-Ann Prentice DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

RADOVAN KARADZIC. the Bosnian Serb leader, and his commander, General Ratko Mladic, both accused of being war criminals, yesterday vowed to resist attempts to arrest them and bring them before the war crimes tribunal in The

They have to understand I come at a great cost and that the people defend me," Gen-eral Mladic told a private Greek television channel near Pale in Bosnia. In another show of defiance, General Mladic was later spotted skiing in the mountains overlooking the Bosni-

an capital, Sarajevo. Dr Karadzic said it would take more than the entire Nato-run peacekeeping force in Bosnia to arrest him. They will need many more troops than they have right now. I think they are not capable of doing this without terrible losses from both sides," he said,

"I am going to travel when-ever I feel that I need to travel. I do not know how long this farce of a court at The Hague will last."

Hundreds of Serbs held a rally in Doboj, north Bosnia, to back their leadership, a Peace Implementation Force spokesman said.

King sues Corfu over his palace

FROM JOHN CARR

KING CONSTANTINE of Greece is suing the town council of Corfu for trespassing on the Greek Royal Family's summer palace on the island.

Several years ago the Socialist council opened the disused palace - the birthplace of the Duke of Edinburgh - on the ground that the property of the abolished monarchy belonged to "the people". The palace, known as Mon Repos, has since been used as a venue for cultural events sponsored by the municipality.

However, works of art left in the palace by the King when he was forced to flee Greece 29 years ago. have been looted and it appears there has been no attempt to track down those responsible. According to reports

here, the King, 55, who lives in London, has filed a suit in the Corfu Court of First Instance, pressing his claim as the rightful owner of Mon Repos, and asked the court to ban all trespassing, cultural events and archaeological excava-tions in the palace grounds. A decision is expected in a few months. The council has not

Sceptics court trouble by tackling judges

By George Brock

dent Chirac of France and that you are having a snooze. You are dreaming about Europe. It is the usual nightmare: the Eurocrats of Brussels, guided by the free trade ayatollah Sir Leon Brittan, are determined to end barriers and subsidies that bend the rules in favour of some of France's biggest and most prestigious companies. Air France, after being condemned by the European Court of Justice, will have to

IMAGINE that you are Presi-

stop mollycoodling its staff. French Telecom must face competition. Electricité de France will have to plug into the energy market. In short, the Anglo-Saxon barbarians are at the gate. It is the end of La France as you know it.

But - incroyable! - help materialises from the most improbable quarter. British Euro-sceptiques force London into refusing to obey judg-ments of the Luxembourg court. And, if the rules cannot be enforced in Britain, why should France worry? The

President sleeps untroubled. This fantasy is closer to the truth than many Tory MPs might think, and they should consider carefully the court's future as they digest the Government's White Paper tomorrow. The Euro-sceptics, who spent much of last week fulminating about the inequities foisted on Britain by Luxembourg, have it all upside down: not only does Britain need the court now. but it will want the backing of European Union law even more crucially in the future. The judges have often seen

themselves as duty bound to promote a federalist agenda. But they also umpire the rules which businesses like British Airways and British Telecom need for a level playing sur-



face in Europe. British Airways is not suing the European Commission over the legality of subsidies to Air France for the fun of it. That case is a weapon in the war to prevent Paris from warping competition between airlines. British businesses use the court to open new markets.

Almost every week, new designs for a more flexible EU are floated. The old idea that it could only creep towards a danger of what they are doing.

federal future is losing its grip. Most of the new ideas assume that there will be a "core" at the heart of the EU, subscribing to freedoms of the single market which involve and bind every state. Outside that, smaller groups of states will be able to agree on special policies of their own, such as forming a single currency.

The problems of making such a design work are great, but Britain has a strong interest in seeing the snags overcome. If Britain stays out of a monetary union. British businesses would still want to operate in the market and not be discriminated against. The more complex the next EU system, the more pivotal the role of its supreme court.

Odd as it seems, in the wake of the £30 million award to Spanish fishermen, Britain has a stake in the court's survival. In a flexible EU, the rule of law will be supreme. Markets come under unrelenting political attack and improving the quality of the court is one of the best defences.

The fact that the court works poorly from time to time is a reason to knuckle down to the hard work of reforming it, not a reason to destroy it. The Euro-sceptics, who whip up fear and loathing of the court, are too short-sighted to see the



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Report puts Sorbonne at bottom of class

THE Sorbonne, one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in France, has received a damning report card from a government panel which claims that the 700-year-old seat of learning is badly run, overcrowded and academically below standard.

A 150-page assessment by the National Evaluation Committee found that the Sorbonne's examination results place this establishment on the bottom rung of French universities". Le Journal du

Dimanche reported yesterday. The university, founded in 1257 by the theologian Robert de Sorbon to provide religious instruction for poor students. was originally located between the Panthéon and the Place St Michel, but From Ben Macintyre in paris

the Sorbonne is now divided between a dozen different sites scattered around

The report noted the "deplorable situation of the university's libraries and observed that "the teachers and their students often lack the most elementary facilities ... in many classes there are not enough seats for

сустуопс". Commenting on the university's lukewarm reception of the criticism, the report adds. The conviction that it possesses, illustrates, even incarnates excellence did not predispose the Sorbonne to appreciate either the necessity or the use of the evaluation." The president of the Sorbonne has

rejected the more critical parts of the report, but teachers at the university say the assessment is largely correct.

"It is permanent war here. There is no democratic life and the president governs with a veritable soviet," one history teacher said.

☐ Curie's legacy: Parents of pupils at a school in east Paris claim radiation is leaking from a nuclear waste dump beneath the building's foundations left behind by Marie Curie, the great Polishborn French scientist. The Marie Curie school at Nogent-sur-Marne was built in 1969 on the site where Mme Curie and her husband, Pierre, extracted radium from 1,200 tonnes of uranium ore. beginning in 1904.



VISUAL ART

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THEATRE

The stage version of Trainspotting returns for a West End run at the Whitehall **OPENS: Thursday REVIEW: Saturday**

POP

Here today at least

ROBBIE Williams's de parture from Take That last summer can be seen, with a touch of 20-20 hindsight, as the first wheel to come off a vehicle that would soon veer out of control. But in another lucrative corner of the youth market, Eternal's engine trouble that same season has righted itself entirely.

Their future was apparently threatened when Louise Nurding amicably flew the coop, but the group has pared to a three-piece without missing a beat. Eternal's second album, Power of a Woman, is becoming as hit-laden as its million selling predecessor. Always & Forever. Louise. meanwhile, is now two

hits into her solo career. With nine Top 15 singles since their launch in 1993, Eternal's act now has sophistication and sureness, plus an opulent set and ten-piece band.

Eternal Fairfield Halls, Croydon

Sometimes berated for making bland, no-risk discs. Eternal move on stage - as they make their recordings — with a professionalism that would be more readily applauded in a visiting soul act. Indeed, in the current hit Good Thing they have a workout soulful enough to take on the American R'n'B market on its own terms.

At home, they remain wholesome fare for a live audience that starts at around the age of seven and joins in every chorus of what has become a polished package of hits. Easther Bennett continues to steer their vocal course, but as on the last tour Vernie Bennett takes an assured solo and Kelle Bryan contributes an alluring version of Janet Jackson's Black Cat.

The trio's turn as three of her brothers, in a Jackson Five medley complete with Afro wigs and check trousers, is an unnecessary cabaret touch. But in a business in which "eternal" popularity usually means something that just about makes it around the calendar, Croydon's soul sisters are building something more durable.

PAUL SEXTON

France's awful new library makes us feel better about ours, says Marcus Binney Books, yes; looks, never

Grand Bibliothèque, architecture's counterpart to the TGV or train a grande vitesse. But, unlike the infamous British Library. shortly to be the subject of another scathing report from the National Audit Office, France's new national library has been completed on time. The architect, Dominique Perrault, handed over the keys of the building a year ago. less than four years after construction began. President Mitterrand formally inaugurated the new library a week later and the first readers will walk through the doors

this autumn The second big difference between it and the British version is that you can see where the money has been spent — all £1.2 billion of it. By any standards the building, at Tolbiac in Paris's 13th arrondissement, is vast, inside and out. But here any praise must end, for architecturally the TGB is an abysmal performance: overbearing, vacuous,

grim, repetitive and dispiriting.

The fatal flaw is an infantile obsession with absolute symmetry. Both inside and out, one half of the building is an exact mirror-image of the other. What should stun or delight the eye merely fatigues it. Even the four identical towers - pretty enough in the model - fail to compose well, either close to, or in the long views across the River Seine.

Worse still are the steps. Rarely since the pyramids of Ancient Egypt has an architect had the opportunity to design a more grandiose outdoor staircase. The whole building is one gigantic temple podium, 36 steps high on the riverside. But the steps, although they stretch to the horizon, are meanly designed, each tread being both too high and too shallow, so that it is difficult to walk up with ease or

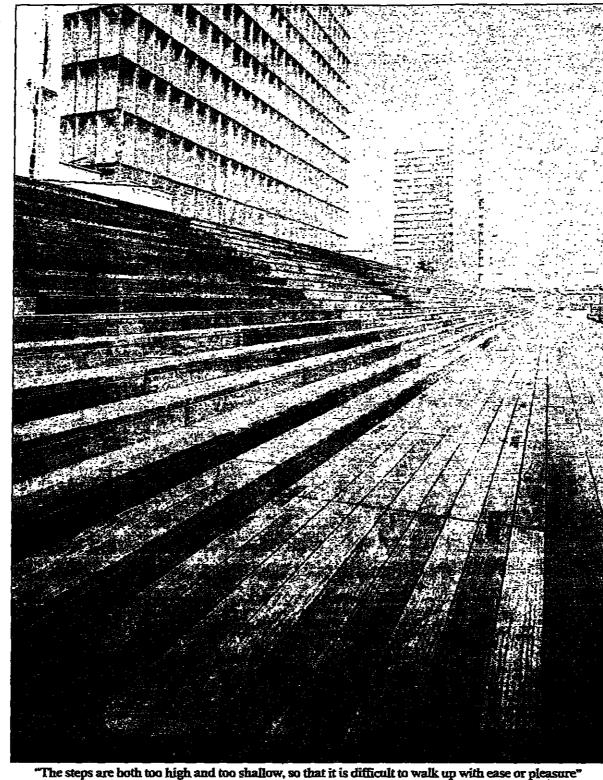
Heaven help anyone arriving for the first time in the rain. They will walk half the length of Piccadilly to get from one end to the other. And if they mount the steps there is still a windswept plaza to cross. ensuring that they will be completely soaked. In fact, this is a library designed for the car-borne, with 1,050 parking spaces for visitors and 750 for the staff. It would be unthinkable in London.

Crossing the great podium, you come to the TGB's one architectural marvel: a vast, rectangular sunken courtyard hollowed out 25ft beneath the level of the Seine. Remarkably, it is planted with trees 40 or 50 feet high. The architect went to the woods and selected each one." I was told. But these are trees that raced each other to the sky in thick woodland. Most have no lower branches and a little bush on top.

Being conifers, many are unlikely now to grow lower branches, even though they now have more space. Instead, the whole garden is thick with guy wires holding these specimens in place. As a result, the public is to be denied the pleasure of entering this

vast garden. We know that the architect's bizarre notion was to put the books in the towers and the readers effectively underground. You descend via escalators down the most sepulchral of all staircase halls. There is no natural light and the walls are entirely hung with a modern-day version of chainmail. If it shimmered, it might have a strange beauty, but like everything else in this building it is uniform

and monotonous. The podium has two main levels, for



the general public and for researchers. A great boon of the TGB is that it is to be open, on payment of a fee, to everyone over 18. There are 1,650 readers' places and open access to 400,000 books and 5,000 periodicals.

Continue down and you come to the research library, with nearly 2,000 places. Alas, merely to look along the 180yd corridors that flank the courtyard is to wish they were equipped with travelators. There is nothing to look at but the light fittings, and these are of course exactly the same, as perfectly erect and in line as any Prussian sergeant-major could desire The only hope is that some free spirit of a librarian will cover walls and windows with posters and hang a

forest of banners from the ceiling. Every great library deserves a great reading room. The British Library has its glorious domed rotunda, soon to be relinquished, while in Paris the exist-Bibliothèque Nationale has Labrouste's virtuoso Salle de Lecture, covered with iron and glass saucer

The TGB has nothing to compare with these, just a series of rectangular salons (identical of course) where you can admire the ultra-smooth grey concrete, steel grille ceilings and the expanses of African veneer. A Norman Foster building, however insistently grey, has a wonderful quality of light whatever the weather. Here such

luminosity is entirely lacking. The best part of the TGB is the part the public will not see. Go to the book delivery point and the ingenious overhead railway that delivers the books along four miles of rails is carefully screened from view. The books are placed in wagonettes, circular containers the size of a car wheel, each with pockets for ten books. These are ingeniously designed so the inner case always remains upright, whatever the angle of the outer one on its long journey from the top of the tower to the bowels of the building. The promised book delivery time is an excellent 20 minutes, with the added bonus that you can reserve a seat and order up books in advance by telephone, fax, Minitel or the Internet.

If you think that there will have to be an awful lot of staff bobbing round at the different levels of the towers you are right. The TGB has a staff 1,200-strong. As I completed my tour of the TGB I remember Gauthier's verdict on the Escorial: "The dullest and most dismal building imagined for the mortification of men . . . few people come back. If by chance they are English they blow their brains out."

Philip II's palace monastery may be severe but it is great architecture. The TGB could have been whisked up on the computer by a schoolboy. Draw one corner and the computer will just complete the rest. It would look better

> line - and, of course, every word - came across with diamond clarity. And despite an outsize stage presence, he is the canniest of underplayers.

His is a very funny, very touching impersonation. If only this quartet, and Donizetti, could be left to get on with it. But Patrick Mason's updated production. bursting with tiresome sightgags and supernumeraries. suggests less than complete faith in the work. Making Norina and Malatesta play their scene in the company of three waiters, two tourists. three eavesdroppers and a Lambretta is pretty yawninducing. But when Mason actually directs the piece, it works. Norina's slap, the pause held to breaking point, and Adams's pianissimo "All is over. Don Pasquale" was worthy of one of the truly epic moments in operatic comedy.

On balance, a show to catch.

Still setting his own pace

FINE personal judgment has allowed Alfredo Kraus to keep on singing and ensure the devotion of his considerable fan club. The Spanish tenor will be 69 in September and this year he celebrates 40 years of leading roles in the opera house: he never had to sing minor ones.

Throughout his career he

has been meticulous about what he takes on refusing to tackle parts that he reckoned might be unsuitable and dropping those, such as Don Ottavio, which were dramatically unrewarding. The result has been a small but impeccable repertoire and the ability to continue to fill Covent

Garden by himself. Or not quite by himself. For Thursday's recital at the Royal Opera House the singer brought with him not only his excellent accompanist Edelmiro Arnaltes, but also a young cello player. Asier Polo

groups of songs pianist and cellist combined in salon pieces such as Elgar's Salut d'amour and in frothy Spanish numbers, including Cassadò's Requiebros. Kraus. astute planner that he is, could take a rest and argue that the cello really does come into its own in Federico's Lament from Cilea's L'Arlesiana, a favourite piece of his for ending a recital.

Kraus began conventionally with Scarlatti and Gluck, numbers to warm up the voice. There were two songs by his much-loved Obradors, but before them came a curious piece about a miner injured in a pit blast. This struck a sombre and explosive note in a first half which reached its apex in Massenet's Ouvre tes veux bleus.

Kraus has always excelled in the works of that composer, especially as Werther, but Des Grieux's Ah!, fuyez, douce

RECITAL

Alfredo Kraus Covent Garden

image, which opened the sec-ond half, found him a little might have been given their full sheen a few years ago were dextrously elided on this

But Gounod's Roméo (Ah! *lève-toi soleil*) found him back in thrilling voice, his tenor cutting clean through the house. Even better was Edgardo's Fra poco from Lucia di Lammermoor with each syllable and note precisely articulated. Kraus has always been a supreme Donizetti singer, and it was in this opera that he made his Covent Garden debut in 1959. May he be back when that fortieth

anniversary comes round. For this visit, though, there were four encores, all songs. Opera is strictly and wisely rationed nowadays.

John Higgins



Kraus: at 68, he takes no

SONDITEM ON DISC

A guide to the best available recordings, presented in conjunction with Radio 3

THE BEST OF STEPHEN SONDHEIM by David Benedict

With the British premiere of Passion at the end of this month, London theatregoers will have the luxury of being able to choose from three of Stephen Sondheim's finest musicals. His career in the commercial theatre has been marked by critical acclaim but not always with commercial success, and many have sniped that it is a case of nice songs, shame

about the show". Whether or not you believe this adage, his work has been well represented on disc from his days as lyric writer on West Side Story (original cast recording) and Gypsy (Broadway cast recording) right up to the original cast recording of

Passion (Broadway cast).

His first show as both lyricist and composer, A Funmy Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, is best represented by the London cast recording, which features a suitably fruity Frankie Howerd as Pseudolus the slave in a plot that inspired Up Pompeii. Silly and fun, it's a world away from Anyone Can Whistle, which was a spectacular flop but has a tremendous score, much of which has only just been made available,

thanks to a gala benefit performance on Sony Classical. Next month, the cast album of the current London revival of Company will be released, but its reduced orchestration and uneven casting cannot begin to match the sheer lustre, shine and diamond-like sparkle of the London cast recording from 1972, with Larry Kert and the magnetic rasp of the matchless Elaine Stritch tearing into The Ladies Who Lunch. She is also one of the undoubted highlights of the gala concert performance

LIBRARY

of Follies on RCA. It has all the problems of a live performance in terms of variable sound quality, but the sense of occasion is palpable and the two-disc set wipes other versions from the memory.

Judi Dench is currently stacking up awards for her heartbreaking performance as Desiree in A Little Night Music, but there are no definite plans to record the National Theatre production. Happily. Glynis Johns in the original Broadway cast will more than suffice in this elegant, Ravel-inspired score.

The original cast recordings of Sweeney Todd and the Pulitzer-prizewinning Sunday in the Park with George are definitive, unchallenged performances of two great works. Merrily We Roll Along has been recorded three times, but the two recordings of the revised version pale into insignificance behind the bright, biting flair of the Broadway cast in a show that works best on disc, slowly revealing its strength and depth below a glittering surface.

Into the Woods, on the other hand, is peerlessly performed by the London cast from Richard Jones's sensational, award-winning production. The details positively leap from the loudspeakers. thanks to the quality of the interpretations. But the documentation on the disc is woeful, so track down the libretto

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Donizetti back in some style

OPERA Don Pasquale

Coliseum

IN RECENT years lighter Italian pieces — or French, for that matter - have played little part in repertory-planning at English National Opera, whose masters have concentrated their minds, and ours, on sterner stuff. Which is one reason for welcoming this revival of Donizetti's joyful and touching cornedy.

Another reason is a conduc-

tor. Michael Lloyd, who really understands the Donizetti idiom. another rarity in St Martin's Lane. Lloyd drew consistently clear, bright sound from the alert orchestra, which is by no means easy in a theatre as resonant as the Coliseum, relishing the pi-quancy of the instrumentation. He also fielded just the right amount of nuance and supple rubato, allowing music that looks so simple on the page to exert its full Mediterranean warmth. This was

first-rate music-making. The singers, then, had the most helpful of springboards from which to launch their vocal pyrotechnics. Mary Hegarty's Norina skipped and knitted effortlessly above the



Donald Adams: born to sing the role of Don Pasquale

stave, the notes and lines complementing her delightful, sharply knowing stage persona. Alan Opie was the very personification of suave charm as Malatesta.

Any inclination to describe Neill Archer as an "English" tenor is scotched by the way his tone expands the higher he goes; quite the opposite of the way the throats of so many of that breed tighten in panic. The warm glow of his voice in the upper reaches, which is where poor Ernesto spends most of the opera, was quite lovely, with only a hint of strain towards the end of the murderous Act II scena. As for Donald Adams's first

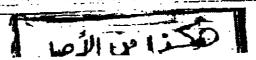
Pasquale, well. books suggest that he will not see 65 again, and it seems dotty that he should have had

to wait so long before being asked to tackle a role he might have been born to sing. Even though not in the most robust vocal health last Friday, every

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DANCE

The acclaimed Shobana Jeyasingh brings new work to the Queen Elizabeth Hall **OPENS: Saturday REVIEW: Monday**

ARTS TUESDAY TO FRIDAY IN SECTION 2

THEATRE: A zany triumph for the 'other' RSC; but a Plague play proves deadly



Completely mad about the Bard: Adam Long, Matthew Hendrickson and David Letwin tackle all of Shakespeare's plays, one way or another

Our revels now are sent up

of William

Shakespeare

(abridged)

Criterion

hen a company calling itself the RSC gathers before a backcloth plastered with a painting of the original Globe, and confides that it hopes to "capture the magic, the genius, the towering grandeur of the complete works of William Shakespeare", your first instinct is to brace yourself for a marathon evening of high culture. But there is no need, for what follows is neither a reverential plod through the Roman plays nor a trendy transposition of the histories to the Balkans. The RSC is of course the Reduced Shakespeare Company, three Americans who have responded to the word "culture" by reaching for their water-pistols and popguns.

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The three-man cast at the Criterion is 1985, nor the one that played at the Arts Theatre in 1992, Bearded Matthew Hendrickson and smoothly shaven David Letwin have joined the troupe's sole founding member. Adam Long.

THE pestilence is clearly

spreading. Scarcely has the costume movie Restoration

landed on our shores, with

Robert Downey Jr doing his

ridden London, than Ring-a-

Ring O'Ruses crops up in

Worcester, Garry Lyons's new play begins by the plague pit

in Aldgate, 1665, and also

features a doctor called, ironi-

Here though, the focus is

spread over a household:

cally perhaps, Hope.

They play Caesar, Macbeth and the more forbidding male figures while he puts on stringy wigs in order to embody a series of Shakespearean dames, Juliet to Cleopatra, who reel about feverishly retching into the front

stalls. Together, they maintain the RSC's reputation for subversive fun. As the title says, the idea is to condense all 37 of Shakespeare's plays into some 100 minutes. Since the company's opener, Romeo and Juliet, blusters along for a good ten, you wonder how they will manage the feat. The answer is that they cheat. Timon is 20 to a mention, *Lear* to an UAP who briefly blunders into a historycycle that has been transformed into a game of American football. All the comedies become what on bad days one feels they really are: a crazed

sprawl of absurd co-The Complete Works incidences in which two lots of identical triplets end up married for no discernible reason. The results are

sometimes sopho-

moric, often hilari-Othello ous. becomes a rap number, in which one of the brothers marries a white woman

called Desdemona, leaves her alone-a, doesn't telephon-a, thus causing a lot of moan and groan-a. Titus is a TV cooking lesson, conducted a chef who confesses himself a bit exhausted by a day in which 20 sons have been killed. his daughter raped and mutilated, and his own hand cut off. Moving in and out of the original text, he ends by recommending viewers to turn the oven to 350 degrees, "and 40 minutes later you'll have the loveliest human head pie with ladylingers to follow".

Hamlet: a dangling, vibrating sock for the Ghost, and a Polonius who dodders about mumbling "neither a borrower nor a lender be". The high point here is "workshopping Ophelia". The company brings a nervous young woman up from the stalls to emit screams, makes a bewildered-looking male run about the stage by way of embodying her frantic ego, and gets the audience to complete the Freudian picture by shouting such things as "cut the crap, Hamlet, my biological clock is ticking and I want babies now".

Boy, we really shared something there," the cast triumphantly declare. Yes, we did, thanks to their energy and chutzpah. Shakespeare-haters, if any there be, will doubtless feel encouraged by the RSC's efforts; but its prime appeal is surely to Shakespeare-lovers wanting a respite from all that homage. Tweaking the great man's heard reminds us that he was human too.

The second half is given over to BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Don't catch this disease

best as a quack in plague-Middleway: his servants Bess, Ned and Nell: and Nell's betrothed, the parish constable Tolly Baggott. Baggott takes his baton to Levellers and dissenters, eavesdrops on the middle classes, and abandons his sweetheart when Middleway's underlings stage a walkout and join the ranks Hope's merchant friend

Ring-a-Ring O'Roses

up in the plague pit.

in-a-play. The corpses of Nell and the others crawl out of the grave and torment Baggott by pretending to be actors and replaying the past. Does this explain why their performances are so stiff?

Lyons's script is bottomdrawer material. Why has director Jenny Stephens, who

years back, dug it up again? The dialogue, probably intended to be brimming with local colour, is an irritating concoction of Olde English and modern cockney strewn with infantile insults: "Y' ball o' nose-jelly," and so on.

dolefully off-key. Vincent Franklin's Baggott shouts his lines, and to call the set a shambles would be flattery. A pox on 't.

KATE BASSETT

TODAY'S CHOICE

JAZZ AT THE BARBICAN. The pazz planist Chick Corea, whose lorays into electric fusion, colo improvisazioni and classical composition have given him a reputation for variatility, returns to an acoustic quariet formal fizzing with Musical chargy and magination, Barblean, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891), Tonight, 7 30pm (2)

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LA TRAVIATA Richard Eyre's magnificent production of Verdi's papic opera returns tonight. The sumpouturs peniod settings and costumes are by 80b Crowley Andrea Rort leads the cast as Violetta with Ruman Vargas as Altredo Carlo Rizz conducts. Royal Opera House Compati Garrien. Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. WC2 (0171-304 4000), 7pm (5) THE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN HAYDN ORCHESTRA: The London Internali Orchestral Season continues as the distinguished Hunganan conductor.

A daily guide to arts compiled by Marit Hargie

Adam Fischer, brings his own orchostra to the South Bank. To its core repertore of Haydin's professed works the orchestra has lately added Romantic and modern composers. On the programme complet is Haydin's overture, La Feddilla Premieta end the Farewell Symphony (No 4 St. and Mahler s Symphony No 4 Fessival Hatt, South Bank, SE1 (0171-960 4242) 7 30pm § ELSEWHERE

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Anjana Ahuja reports on the part-timers who hunt for heavenly bodies

hen Nicky Fleet gets home after a long day deciphering tax returns, she settles down to her night job — helping to unravel the mysteries of the cosmos with the aid of a home-made telescope in her back garden. Mrs Fleet, 36, an executive with

the Inland Revenue, from Reading. Berkshire, is a member of Britain's army of 3,000 amateur astronomers. Most have day jobs which have absolutely nothing to do with astronomy and yet, constantly, they sacrifice their spare time in the name of science. Desnite the "amateur" tag it is serious stuff; astronomy is one of the few areas of science where the professionals trust — and even rely on - the amateurs.

"Professionals can't keep an eye on the whole sky," Ian Ridpath, an amateur astronomer and astrono-my writer, explains, "Without the amateurs, a lot of things would be missed."

However, front-page discoveries

— say a comet or supernova
(exploding star) — are extremely rare. So why do people bother? "I'm interested in the way things work and I dislike mystery," Mrs Fleet says. "Looking up at the sky also gives me a sense of perspective. In life and work, problems often seem insuperable, but compared to the mysteries of the cosmos they become trivial."

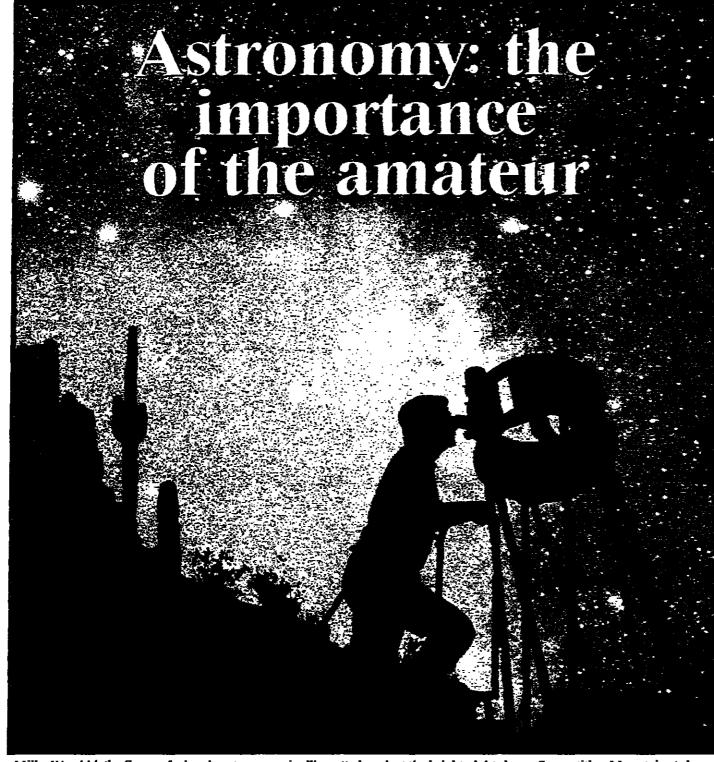
Apart from the fact that most amateurs are men. Mrs Flect is typical of the majority of Britain's skywatchers. They spend perhaps a few hours a week in their back gardens, attend evening classes and presentations, and read astronomy books. A few might even venture on the odd astronomy weekend in the country, accompanied only by fellow enthusiasts, a flask of hot tea and a telescope.

About one in ten, however, is a serious amateur, spending every moment on a clear night with an eve glued to their telescope. They hunt for comets, asteroids, exploding stars, or stars whose brightness changes rapidly (called variables).

Planets (bodies orbiting stars) outside our own solar system are difficult to spot because their presence can be inferred only from delicate changes in stellar motion. However, as a Horizon documentary will show tonight (The Planet-Hunters. BBC2. 9pm), amateur astronomers are still planning to give the professional planet-hunters a run for their money.

Guy Hurst is the king of the serious amateurs. By day he is Mr Ordinary, a 50-year-old regional bank manager, husband, father of three sons and owner of a large detached house in Hampshire's affluent stockbroker belt.

Outside office hours, he is editor of The Astronomer, a monthly international magazine dedicated to a worldwide community of



Milky Way kid: the figure of a lonely astronomer is silhouetted against the bright night sky on Superstition Mountain, Arizona

3,000 active amateur astronomers. By informal arrangement with the Central Bureau of Astronomical Telegrams (CBAT). in Cambridge, Massachusetts, he is also the first port of call for people around the world who think they have made a discovery. As a result, Mr Hurst spends much of his time fielding calls in the middle of the night from excited, incoherent strangers.

"After three false alarms in one night, it can get a bit much," he admits. Luckily his wife, Anne. is a

very patient woman. He says proudly: "She has taken the initial calls for many major discoveries, and has become very adept at asking the right questions."

It also means he has been involved with headline-hitting events. Two stand out. The first was the discovery in 1977 of an exploding star by a postman in Huddersfield. The postman sent the broken pair of binoculars with which he made his discovery to Mr Hurst as a souvenir.

The other was the discovery of a comet in 1983 by George Alcock who, in his eighties, is the elder statesman of amateur astronomy in Britain. "George saw this comet directly overhead, and it was missed by everybody except for a satellite and a Japanese amateur." Mr Hurst recalls. "It ended up being called Cornet IRAS-Iraki-

A promising phone call or e-mail message to the Hurst household triggers a sequence of events of

almost military precision. Mr Hurst immediately contacts a network of ten colleagues across

has built in his back garden. He may also contact astronomers abroad who can track an object

further along its path.

records and either verifies the claim or keeps it on file," says Mr Hurst. The CBAT asks people to confirm their own findings by providing two photographs sev-

eral hours apart.

Then comes the tricky business of naming the discoveries. CBAT. which is a part of the International Astronomical Union (IAU), the controlling world body for astronomy, oversees the naming of novae, supernovae and comets. Novae (stars which brighten rapidly) are named by constellation and year of observation, supernovae by year and half-month.

Comets are initially named by year, half-month and numeral. Once the orbit is worked out, the Small Bodies Names Committee made up of nine international astronomers - decides on a popular name. They normally honour the discoverers - such as Comet Halley and Comet Shoemaker-Levy. Occasionally, however, several people independently claim a discovery. A committee decision means responsibility, and blame, is spread between nine people.

For asteroids, the discoverer can suggest a name which goes forward for approval by the Minor Planets Centre, also part of the IAU. The name must be inoffensive, dissimilar to existing names, contain fewer than 16 letters and not honour political or military figures. "It helps if it's witty," adds Gareth Williams, associate director of the CBAT.

The whole business of amateur astronomy seems very organised. But the pastime is in danger of being blotted out by the everbrightening skies. Proliferating street and security lighting has already made stargazing in cities impossible and the problem has begun to spread to rural areas.

Sometimes I go out to use my telescope and a neighbour's security light goes on." says Mr Hurst. "It's murder because I have to wait for my eyes to get used to the dark again. I can understand why people want lights, but the problem is the way they're used.

"Most light goes into the sky when it should be directed towards the ground." The British Astronomical Association set up the Campaign for Dark Skies several years ago to bring attention to this

For those blessed with dark skies, however, the next fortnight Britain willing to be woken up at will provide an exciting glimpse of any time, who try to check the the wonders of skywatching. On or sighting with their own equipment about March 27, the skies above before the object disappears over Britain will play host to Comet the horizon. Mr Hurst will do the Hyakutake, predicted to be the brightest comet for many years same, using the observatory he and definitely visible to the naked eye. And how do we know about it? All thanks to an amateur astronomer in Japan, who discovered it in "If that is encouraging, I contact January this year.

Blood clue to mental illness

drawn from her own family's experience to develop a new theory about the origins of schizophrenia. Dr J. Megginson Hollister of the University of Pennsylvania has a sister who suffers from the disease. while she and her brother are free

One difference between them, she realised, was in their blood groups. She and her brother were rhesus-negative, the same blood group as their mother, while her sister is rhesus-positive. It is wellknown that rhesus-negative mothers can become sensitised to rhesus-positive babies, and the immune response that is provoked can cause anaemia, jaundice and brain damage.

Dr Hollister wondered if there might be a connection between rhesus-incompatibility and schizophrenia, and investigated it by studying Danish medical records for 1,867 men born between 1959 and 1961 in Copenhagen. A total of



535 of the men were rhesusincompatible, while 1,322 were rbesus compatible.

In the Archives of General Psychiatry she and co-workers report that medical records for the men up to and including 1994 show that schizophrenia is more than twice as common in the rhesusincompatible group. Among these men the rate reached 21 per cent, while it was 0.8 per cent in the

rhesus-compatible group. Among second-born and laterborn men, the difference was even greater — 2.6 per cent versus 0.8 per cent. This fits with the theory. because later pregnancies typically produce a stronger response

The finding could help in the search for the genes that predispose towards schizophrenia. The blood groups are determined by the genes, so there is a strong likelihood that rhesus incompatibility clusters in some families. If these families also have a raised chance of schizophrenia, this could be because of their blood groups. and the greater danger this exposes them to in the womb, rather than to a gene for schizophrenia itself.

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The quark may lose its place as nature's tiniest building block

How small can you get?

AT THE turn of the century. physics was both shaken and stirred by an experiment in which Ernest Rutherford fired alpha particles at thin sheets of gold foil. Most of the particles went straight through, showing that the atoms in the foil were largely empty space. But some bounced off at surprising angles, suggesting that within the emptiness the atom had a

solid heart, the nucleus. A new experiment, recently reported from Fermilab, the US accelerator laboratory near Chicago, threatens to have similar repercussions. The results indicate that the quarks, which have inherited the atom's mantle as the fundamental particles of matter, may actually be made up of something even smaller. If so, one of the most resilient theories of science, the socalled standard model, may have to be jettisoned.

model says that matter is made up of six quarks, six leptons (the electron, muon and tau, plus their neutrinos) and their antiparticles. Quarks form groups of two or three. bound together to make particles

The model, which emerged about 20 years ago, has had a brilliant career, explaining result after result with stunning precision.

such as the pro-

ton and neutron.

The new results have emerged on the horizon like a cloud no bigger than a man's hand. They come from experiments in which protons and antiprotons are collided at high energy, and "jets" of



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standard model or a component part of it. called quantum chromodynamics, or QCD predicts these jets remarkably well. The jets are the BRIEFING nearest we ever get actually to seeing quarks and gluons (the

Hawkes particles that carry the strong nuclear force). At low energies QCD predicts the jets well but at higher energies, the Fermilab team reports in Physical Review Letters, there seem to be more of them than there

ought to be. This implies that

quarks are not point-like, but

have a structure of their own.

driving a hole through QCD

at large energies Obsequies would be premature. The results still have to be confirmed, and the team responsible is not claiming to have found any new physics. But if the result is confirmed. what would have to give? Fudging QCD so that it fits the new observations would be very difficult, but it may be that the QCD calculations predicting the jets are wrong. That would be easier to bear.

Another possibility is that quarks have a "super-strong" force holding them together as well as the strong force. Yet another would be that quarks are no more fundamental than Rutherford found the atom to be. But at the moment says Dr Frank Wilczek of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, "no ready explanation appears compelling". In plainer language. puzzlement is the order of the

When plant genes go wild



THE genes introduced into plants to make them better performers could escape more easily

than previously supposed. Two recent papers. one in the Journal of Applied Ecology and the other in Nature. report experiments in which genes introduced into oilseed rape have appeared in nearby weeds by the process of hybridisation.

hybrids produced between rape and hoary mustard, while a Danish team found that a weedy relative of rape, Brassica campestris, was forming hybrids. This could be disastrous.

Plant genetic engineers have tried to produce crops that are pesticide-resistant, meaning they can be sprayed with weedkillers which kill the weeds, but not the plants. The plan will fail, however, if the ybridisation. genes make weeds resistant A French team found such too, as both studies suggest.

The secret of turning turtles HOW do turtles navigate? In the The new work shows that



ture, Drs Kenneth and Catherine Lohmann, of the University of North Carolina, provide an explanation. They have previously

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shown that loggerhead turtles can distinguish the inclination of the Earth's magnetic field that is, the angle of the magnetic lines of force. But that alone is not enough.

turtles can also detect the intensity of the field, which varies across the surface of the Earth. Hatchlings were tested in a pool surrounded by a coil which could produce different. field intensities. When it was stronger than that at their natal beach, they swam eastwards; when weaker, they swam westwards. Combining angle and intensity would give turtles a magnetic "map" from which they could work out both position and direction.

Spine-chilling tale of a shrew



shrew, a native of Uganda, Zaire and Rwanda, gives the word backbone a total-

ly new meaning. "The animal is absolutely, totally weird," says Dr Susan

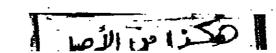
Herring from the University of Washington in Seattle. Not only can the 10in-long shrew bend itself into a Ushape in which its snout touches its hind feet, but it can also, allegedly, bear the

standing on it. Dennis Cullinane, a graduate student at Cornell Univer-

sity, has investigated the claims, though he drew the line at standing on his shrew. The key is a series of large bony buttresses that stick out to the sides of each vertebra. They make the vertebrae three times wider than a normal shrew's, and overlap and interlock. He hopes for insights into the evolution of more ordinary spines.

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Wanted - more Tory Women in the House

far too few Conservative women MPs. says Alice Thomson — and after the next election the situation could look even worse

LAST week politicians were falling over themselves to be seen celebrating International Women's Week, with cocktails, debates and glossy brochures. They all claimed they un-

derstood the problems that women face and tried to woo the hearts of both the bluerinse matrons of the shires and young careerists with promises of safer streets and better childcare. And they swore that they were dedicated washers-up and nappy-changers in their own homes.

Curiously, most of them failed to mention that equality of the sexes is still woefully inadequate along the green leather benches of the House on the Thames.

Britain has one of the worst records in the world when it comes to female representation in Parliament, lagging behind Indonesia and Cameroon. In the past 100 years there have been more than 4,500 men MPs, and only 169

The days when Barbara Castle fought for more than one ladies' lavatory in the Houses of Parliament might be over. But there are still no hairdressers in the palace. only a barber's shop, and no nursery, only a rifle range. There are also more MPs named John than there are

hen Nancy Astor omen and children up and down the country", Winston Churchill retorted: "A woman in the Commons is like a woman in my bathroom." Since then, the Churchillian

brigade seems to have won and the Tory party, which gave women the vote, is easily the worst offender. Whatever one thinks of

Labour's controversial allwomen shortlists, they would increase the party's ranks from the current 38 female MPs enormously.

The Tories may be chortling because the scheme has been deemed illegal, but they could themselves face a public relations disaster over unequal opportunities after the next general election. If Labour wins, the Tories

could end up with 20 female MPs on their benches, while Labour could have up to 100. leaving the Tories looking distinctly antiquated and

John Major is said to be "deeply concerned" about the prospect. Dame Angela Rumbold, the first female vice-chairman of the party, in charge of the candidates' list, has done everything she can to encourage women to fight for

Although the Tory party is stuffed with articulate, loyal and often ambitious women. they never seem to get past the supporting roles. Female constituency chairmen expend their energies rallying their dispirited troops with fundraising bridge parties.

Bright female special advisers keep their ministers together, and other formidable Tory women head think-tanks. And Conservative MPs wives are often harder-working than their husbands, writing thousands of constituency letters and standing by their man

through any sleaze scandal. But as the former Tory MP Emma Nicholson - who re-



Against all the odds - Angela Knight (centre) made it to junior Treasury Minister, but she is an exception to the Tory rule

make it on to the first step of the ministerial rung, women will have to prove that they do not screech at the dispatch box, can cope with the barracking and bantering - and still do the washing-up when they get home. Then there is their appear-

ance, which is reckoned cru-cial to the party's morale. Men get away with wearing an eggstained tie all week, women have to look feminine, demure and fragrant. The more responsibilities they get, the more important it is to buy those neat, toning suits, get their hair curled and make sure their bra-strap isn't

showing.

Hardly surprising, then, that only six of the 60 ministers are female. Virginia Bottomley's male colleagues say that she was put into Health to use her English rose looks to defuse controversies and appear like a political Florence Nightingale. When that backfired she was given the National Lottery to host

illian Shephard, who spent 20 years teaching and working in local government before she made it into Westminster, is considered efficient and effective. But even she admitted to Hillary Clinton that she was fed up with "irritating" colleagues trying to walk over her at Cabinet

If Mrs Shephard is lured back to the classroom to put into practice what she has preached, and if Mrs Bottomley wins the lottery and retires to the Isle of Wight, the Prime Minister would have difficulty finding adequate female replacements.

He would have only 18 MPs to choose from. Edwina Currie, one of the most able. prefers being a media star. Mrs Gorman has become a professional rebel, Ann Widdecombe is considered a little too brisk, and many of the others are in their late fifties and have settled for life on the back benches.

Three women stand out: Michael Portillo didn't make it to the Cabinet quite that

Joanna Bale on the shocking evidence of a Muslim boy

hedraggled group of Muslim men and A Muslim men and youths, some of them wounded, sat in a remote field on the outskirts of Srebrenica, surrounded by Serb soldiers. One by one, they were led away to a tion which they knew would end in death.

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It was July 13, 1995, and thousands of men captured as the United Nations "safe haven" of Srebrenica fell to the Serbs were being systematically killed and buried in mass graves.

A witness to the events at the derelict house was 16year-old Enver Husic, who had been forced to surrender with his badly wounded father but managed to escape. As he was refilling his water can at a spring on the side of the road, a bus full of refugees stopped next to him. Enver quietly got on, huddled behind some bags, and was taken to the safety of a refugee camp. Enver, now 17, tells his

harrowing story in tonight's Panorama investigation on BBC1 of the war crimes committed by the Serbs in Srebrenica. He describes how he and his father dodged Serb ambushes and witnessed dreadful slaughter before they were sur-rounded and forced to surrender.

field next to the derelict house, which had been shelled but was still standing. He describes how a Serbian woman soldier began picking out men for "interrogation". He says: "A woman in a

camouflage uniform came out. She had a gun ... They kept molesting people, ask-ing them for money. They beat people. They hit them on the head with their rifles. I couldn't watch this any Enver was ordered by a

Serb soldier to fetch water for the men as it was a hot day and most were begging for something to drink. He recalls: "One of them said: 'Let them have the

water before we kill them ...' I kept getting water and I had to obey their orders. 1 did whatever they wanted

He then recounts how the men were taken inside the house, one by one. He says: They were taking certain people and saying 'Don't worry, your turn will come. There's no need to be afraid. You're just going in for

'I witnessed a Serbian death squad'

was coming out again."

Asked if he could hear anything from the house, he replies: "I could only hear banging noises, nothing else. It sounded as if something was being hit."

The men in the field were exhausted. They didn't have any food. They were very pale and terrified. They knew what was awaiting them. I did too. They knew they were going to be killed. They were praying to be simply killed. I heard people

They were taken to the

whispering that they were hoping to be killed without suffering." Enver eventually arrived

safely in a town called Kladanj, where he was taken to a refugee camp and reunited with his mother, sister and brother. His father and uncle are missing, presumed dead, two of an estimated 7,000 men executed by the Serbs and buried in mass graves during the fall of Srebrenica.

Enver firmly denies Serb claims that the 7,000 men were killed in battle, saying that most of them were civilians. Enver is one of six people

who give important eyewitness accounts of mass executions in tonight's programme. Jane Corbin, the award-winning Panorama reporter, spent several weeks tracking him down after spotting his young face and correctly guessing that he might have escaped

With the help of Vera, her Serbo-Croatian translator, 42-year-old Ms Corbin toured refugee camps with a picture of Enver taken from the video, and finally found him. She says: "I spent a day with him going over what had happened to him, but when it came to talking about how he felt about leaving his father behind, he just could not bring himself to do so."

Ms Corbin and her television crew found the house that Enver had described, helped by a map he had drawn. It was exactly as he had said, and they discovered belongings such as shoes, glasses and personal papers which supported re-ports that people had recent-ly been systematically executed there. The house was near the site of a mass

grave, one of several which will be dug up in the spring. The Serb film which features Enver is now in the hands of war crimes investigators. It shows Dutch UN troops looking on while Nazi-style selections take place, separating the men and the women refugees.

The Dutch have denied that they saw any serious war crimes being committed, but admitted that they ran over refugees with their armoured personnel carriers in their panic to pull out of Srebrenica as the Serbs advanced

The horrors of Srebrenica led to Nato finally attacking the Bosnian Serb war machine and, ultimately, to the peace accord signed last December in Paris. Ms Corbin says: "Our

film will provide useful evidence to investigators as it is the first detailed analysis of one particular war crime. Bringing those responsible to trial will help to break the cycle of violence which was at the root of the civil war in former Yugoslavia."

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Virginia Bottomley --- given the job of English rose

'We are the handmaidens of the Tory party; we are expected to do good and keep out of sight'

cently defected to the Liberal Democrats - said: "We are the handmaidens of the party; we are expected to do good and keep out of sight."

The main problem for Conservative women has always been getting past local selection committees. So far, only five women have been chosen to fight Tory-held seats at the next general election. If a female candidate is lucky enough to be granted an

interview, she faces a minefield planted by the usu-ally elderly, traditionalist constituents. If she has children she is

made to feel she will "orphan" them by going to Westminster. If she doesn't, she is accused of not being able to represent the family. Yet the traditional white male is rarely asked about babysitting rotas. If she waits until the child-

ren are grown up, she is considered too old. Teresa Gorman, the maverick Tory MP for Billericay, eventually got round the problem by slightly altering her age. Virginia Bottomley conveniently forgot to tell her local association she still had a young child.

Kay Coleman, a fiftyish Mancunian candidate, says: "I often have to remind selection committees that I have yet to find a woman who would put an orange in her mouth and a plastic bag on her head while wearing suspenders. Nor do we have time for affairs. The Tories should be crying out for more women."

f a Conservative woman ever makes it into Parliament the problems escalate from the first day, when she is told the red tag on her coathook is for her sword. The Conservative Whips' Office, long regarded as a training ground for high-flyers, has still not had a woman in its ranks and traditionally male departments can always think of an excuse for needing to take on another man. So women have few chances to

Even if they do manage to

Angela Knight, Angela Browning and Cheryl Gillan. They have managed to infiltrate traditionally male departments such as the Treasury as junior ministers, and have proved they can balance their red boxes with family life. But they have only been in Parliament since 1992, and even

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Matthew Parris



■ Despite economic ruin, Cuba has an unspoilt charm as its people wait for something to happen

n a vast rock face at the western end of the island of Cuba, a huge outdoor mural has been executed in lurid paint: The Ascent of Man. It starts with an amoeba and ends with So-

cialist Man triumphant.
Triumph wears thin, however. Returning from Cuba some time ago with a jumble of impressions which refused to cohere. I wrote little about it. But the shooting down by Castro's forces of two planes flown from Miami stirred my

People have been urging that America's economic blockade be intensified, and joined by Europe, to "punish" Havana. I am sure this is the wrong response. The clearest impression I brought home was that persecution of Castro's regime is the final potent force still shoring up his authority.

There was an air of desperation there. Machines were broken, fuel was short.

The economy is wrecked. Beside Cuba's one motorway, thousands camp, hoping to hitch-hike, as rusting signs for unbuilt sliproads swing in a hot wind.

hot wind.
Other images
stay with me:
an ox-cart with
wooden wheels
lumbering past a

brutal concrete apartment block: the Cuban National Ballet performing a Sunday matinee in an enormous finde-siècle ballet house: no refreshments, tickets almost free, Havana teenagers snogging in the back row while a jet black dancer in pink tights and a white Regency wig writhes himself into the arms of a brown-skinned ballerina in spangled tutu, to recorded music of a Puscian ballet.

music of a Russian ballet.
Havana is a splendid city. To international socialism we owe the conservation almost intact of great chunks of the last two centuries which capitalist progress has elsewhere swept away. Rotting but untouched, old Havana has complete architectural integrity and could be greatest surviving Spanish colonial city.

Like its 1950s American cars, Havana is a classic. To be on the dark streets of old Havana at night — coffee-skinned Latin youths in sideburns hissing from the shadows or leaning against battered old Chevvies — felt like walking onto the set of West Side Story.

Paried discrimination of

Racial discrimination, officially abolished by Marxism, is subtle and persistent beneath the surface. There are codes. The word tropicalista is a term that the more Hispanic Cubans, mostly in charge, use to refer to blacks. Of course everyone is equal: Spaniards and their descendants in Latin America have never made the Afrikaner mistake of committing anything to law.

thing to law.

Nothing works. In the delightful town of Santa Clara, around midnight, I found a horse-drawn society (even the taxis) and half of the town out at midnight, promenading, chatting and dancing in the square. There was no food for sale and the only drink was tea. Protein is rationed. The only meat available to locals was reconstituted Spam, also

rationed.

Fidel's economics are discredited among his people, especially younger Cubans. I met few who had a good word to say for the regime, and many in the street fearlessly refer to their President as a tyrant. But what remains unshaken is a sort of patiental idealism.

of national idealism.

There is a sense of Cuban brotherhood, and Castro exploits this. There is a feeling of unity and suffering. The suffering is blamed, jointly, on the island's abandonment by Russia, and on the American blockade. Even powercuts are attributed to the Americans.

Americans.

If the Cubans hate their country's tyrannical bureaucracy, they fear the Uni-

ted States more. and put much of Cuban fear the blame on the blockade. Many of American do believe that invasion America wants to seize the island: this part of Casmay be the only thing tro's doctrine has taken deep root. keeping So when he rails Castro against the imperial ambitions in power of Cuba's super-

power neighbour, he strikes a chord. Fidel's own responsibility for the economic mess is overlooked. The American threat is more urgent. The blockade, its visible symbol, provides the Socialists with their last excuse.

believe American hostility alone may now be keeping Castro in power, and that he knows it. To see his latest atrocity as a reason for tightening that clenched fist is to draw precisely the wrong conclusion. When the fist unclenches. I doubt Castro's rule will survive two years. even wonder whether the attack was arranged by Havana in order to boost the progress in Washington of the Helms-Burton Bill, which raises the clenched fist higher.

On my last evening in Cuba, I walked along the Malecon in Havana: a seafront promenade where tens of thousands of Cubans congregate to chat, stare, dodge the six lanes of Chinese "Flying Pigeon" bicycles, or just look out to sea. Street lighting was poor and there was a total absence of amplified music or traffic noise: only subdued conversation and the whir of

lt was quiet and dark, and yet one was in the presence of thousands. Most were just standing or sitting: waiting, it seemed. They were like the audience for a stage extravaganza, after the lights had gone down but before the orchestra has struck up. Everyone was ready, but for what? Thousands of people, standing on corners, watching from balconies: waiting — but for what?

Two of the 21st century's superpowers continue to feel affection for the real British legacy

nyone who wants to understand the modern world must make a personal passage to india, which has the deepest and most resiliant culture of the four likely economic superpowers of the next century, more stable and politically advanced than China, not yet denatured by the modernism of the United States and Europe. Indian civilisation is a great lake into which the rivers of different cultures have flowed for more than two and a half millen-

nia, each depositing a new layer.

In Delhi last week I spoke to an elderly Indian scholar about India's experience of British rule. He talked of the "unintended consequences" of the British Empire. He said that these included not only democracy, but the essential conditions for democracy, a non-political army, the law and the courts, a professional Civil Service and a free press. The Indian Army is virtually the only army east of Suez which has not intervened in politics in the past 50 years. He added that the British had also left behind the idea of India as a single country, which had not previously existed, and that the English language had allowed people of 50 different tongues

I was struck by the obvious comparison with the United States. In each country there was a struggle for independence: in India the peaceful struggle led by Mahatma Gandhi. in the United States, the war fought by George Washington. There is no doubt who was the greater man. In each country, democracy depends on institutions which are either British in origin or which developed from the British. The Empire was a passing phase, which in India lasted for less than 200 years, much shorter than the Mogul Empire, but it is a historical fact that the two greatest democracies of the modern world emerged from the experience of British rule, as well as from

to talk to each other.

In praise of India

gaining their independence from us. As with the United States, Britain still has "a special relationship" with India. We sometimes irritate each of them, but in both cases Britain operates largely inside the immune system of the other national culture. Any visiting British journalist has experienced an ease of acceptance in New York or Delhi, compared with a sense of being a stranger in Paris or Bonn. The only European countries which for the British approach the translucency of the Indian or American special relationship are The Netherlands and, sometimes, Italy.

I went to India as a guest of the K.K. Birla Foundation and The Hindustan Times to deliver a lecture on the world outlook for the next century. India has made a relatively slow start in the economic expansion which is spreading throughout Asia. India's economic liberalisation began in 1990, ten years later than China's, but whatever government is elected in May this liberalisation will not be reversed, because it is working. Economic growth is above 6 per cent; the rupee is strong; inflation is low, though interest rates are high; living standards are rising.

In India one can see the inevitability of Asian economic expansion, despite the serious problem of population growth. For instance, Indian banks are now computerising. They are naturally installing the most modern computer software, such as Citibank might use, and so go from the ledger to the Microsoft stage in one jump. The high growth of Asian economies is largely based on this transfer of technology, which provides outstanding investment oppor-

tunities. The formula can be described as ESP. Education + Software = Productivity. Given the same software, an Indian keyboard operator is as productive as an American or Japanese; the keyboards are coming in. India has a middle class, capable of using the keyboards, as large as the whole population of the United

When one visits India one expects to see mass poverty. Last week I was much more struck by the evidence of mass prosperity. One Indian estimat-

William Rees-Mogg

ed to me that of a population of close to one billion — 80 per cent of China's — 250 million belong to the rich, the upper-middle or the lower-middle class. 500 million are farm or factory workers, and 250 million are the landless non-industrial poor and very poor. In Delhi and driving through the North Indian plain, a large, fertile and well farmed area which rather reminded me of French farming. I was aware of the 250 million poor, most of whom are in other regions, but even more aware of the 750 million who are above, and often well above, the poverty line.

often well above, the poverty line.

The best single indicator of a developing country's real prosperity is the condition of its children. There are still child beggars in India, skinny children selling newspapers at traffic lights, pointing their lingers

pathetically to their lips. But even outside the Taj Mahal there were not all that many beggars. Driving back from Agra by side roads through the farm villages. I saw neatly dressed, well nourished, happy-looking children playing together or, occasionally, leading a herd through a field. The cash incomes may be low, but the condition of these children is good.

It is hard to calculate the real

wealth of people whose pay is very

small in Western terms, but whose living costs are also low. I bought a well-made leather wallet which was pushed through the car window at Agra for 100 rupees, just under 52. Roadside food vendors sell a snack of an egg and a cup of tea for 112 rupees, or 3p, although foreign tourists are not advised to eat these snacks. Most Indians do not seem to be living badly, and certainly they are living much better than they were. That matters much more to them than the problems of political corruption of the ministers who have taken bribes. which are the big story in the political press. It is worth noting that while many Indian politicians have taken bribes, few senior civil servants and

hardly any judges have done so.

In my lecture I made some calculations of the likely gross domestic product of the main economic powers in 30 years' time. If Asian growth continues at around 7 per cent, and the mature economies keep growing at around 2.5 per cent until 2025, then India, the United States and the European Union will each have about the same GDP. That would be twice the present American or European level, in real terms, and nearly seven times the present Indian level. China, the hardest to predict, could

have an economy half as large again. Japan. Russia and Brazil will be important but secondary economic powers. Islam will be an additional force. India has already solved the constitutional problem which China has repeatedly failed to solve in the 20th century. One hopes that the growth of China's middle class will allow a transition to constitutional democracy, although if it does not. China's economic expansion is likely in the next century to be aborted by

political turmoil.

Britain will have a unique role in the world politics of the 21st century. We are a member of the European Union, and are likely to remain so. But of all the European nations, we have much the closest relations with the two other democratic superpowers, the United States and India. If the world of the next century is to be peaceful and progressive. Britain will be an essential factor in the networld of power, the only nation to have a special relationship with three of the four economic superpowers.

India has a transforming economic prospect, but Indians feel prouder of their religious and cultural tradition than of their economic future. Hindu pluralism, and the tradition of the religion of God of the Emperor. Akbar, give Indian spirituality an interesting congruence with modern thought: the indians have a paradoxical sense of the universality and variability of truth. The British Viceroy whom the Indians most admire is Lord Curzon, because he loved India. was interested in its culture, and preserved its monuments. When I was in Peking I viewed Mao's waxen body in Tiananmen Square, the preserved corose of a bad man in a bad place. In Delhi 1 prayed before the eternal flame in Mahatma Gandhi's garden shrine. China has still to find the road away from the Marxist brutalism of Chairman Mao; India still reveres

A Labour lesson on Europe

Peter Riddell

says the Tories should beware of tearing the party in two

he Conservatives are again in danger of failing the basic test of any political party that wants to survive in office: ensuring that differences of opinion do not become avoidable public splits. But Europe is like a fatally alluring siren to many Conservative MPs. They keep being drawn back, even though it has been the cause of such grief to them in recent years.

The obvious tactic, and the Government's preferred course, would be to steer clear of such temptations. Decisions which do not have to be addressed now - or at any rate this side of an election — could be deferred. But parties in the grip of an obsession are seldom that sensible. They lose their sense of proportion. In the early 1900s, the Balfour Government was torn apart by a Cabinet dispute over tariff reform which exaggerated its real significance and possible benefits. Similarly, now, a vocal minority of MPs believes that the future of Britain is at stake. They are in no mood for self-restraint. They want an argument, no matter how selfdestructive.

Britain's relations with the European Union certainly raise big constitutional questions. But these are not on the agenda of the inter-governmental conference, which is due to be formally launched at the Turin summit at the end of this month. And a single currency, which is undeniably of enormous importance, does not have to be decided until some indefinite future date. The British Government should have been able to treat the conference largely as a tidying-up operation before these later, crucial matters of monetary union and enlargement have to be tackled. But in the current fractious state of the Tory party, anything said



about Europe is treated with great suspicion.

Last week, for example, Malcolm Rifkind urged a continuation of the inter-governmental approach to European security and defence policy. He made some practical suggestions for improving co-operation, including having a spokesman on foreign policy for the Council of Ministers but subordinate to them. This idea is opposed by the centralisers and the Brussels Commission, who would like foreign policy brought under their control. But it was immediately misrepresented and denounced by the sceptics as implying a single European foreign

secretary.

Tomorrow's White Paper on the inter-governmental conference has become a symbol of these tensions and of the Government's attempt to defuse them. The decisive argument in favour of publication came from the business managers. They

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

gave a warning that unless the Government promised a White Paper. Labour might put forward a motion calling for one, which might carry the Commons with the support of Conservative sceptics.

The White Paper will be an artful exercise in conciliation without commitment. Existing policy will be dressed up in grand statements about the importance of Britain's place in Europe (to please the pro-Europeans) coupled with warnings against further centralisation (for the sceptics). Mr Rifkind has adopted a double negative strategy: no to granting any new powers to European institutions, and no to big demands for repatriation of powers.

So while Britain will resist any extension of qualified majority voting on the Council of Ministers, it will not be seeking to unravel the Maastricht

treaty. As I foreshadowed in this column four weeks ago, the Government will, for instance, propose limited changes to the European Court of Justice, to introduce an appeals mechanism and to limit retrospective judgments, and will seek to expand the role of national parliaments in early discussion of European legislation.

For a party not obsessed with Europe, these sensible ideas could be the basis of a consensus. The White Paper is, in fact, towards the sceptical end of the realist spectrum realist in the sense that it could conceivably lead to a deal at the conference, although probably only after a shift in Britain's position on qualified majority voting. But many in the Conservative Party will not be satisfied. They are not arguing in these terms. They would rather see a confrontation - whether over an issue like the European Court and fisheries or over the conference

● A survey asked 12 to 19-year

olds at what age they should be ex-

pected to make their own beds and

wash up. There was, said Barnar-

agenda — which forces a wholesale renegotiation of Britain's relations with the EU, leading to a looser freetrade agreement.

trade agreement.

Douglas Hogg has already been widely attacked by the sceptics for saying that it was an "illusion" to claim that Britain could withdraw from the common fisheries policy. But Germany and France are not going to allow Britain to enjoy the benefits of the single market and free trade if we are unwilling to bear the full responsibilities of membership.

full responsibilities of membership. The sceptics are making demands which cannot conceivably be met by! the conference. This is clear even when they are presented in the sophisticated terms of John Redwood, and even more so in the "impossibilist" terms of the hardcore group which previously resigned the whip. And yet anything less will be attacked as a sell-out. Hence, all the Government can do is play for time—but even this hope has been complicated by the single currency.

ohn Major wants to keep open all options. However, many Conservative MPs with small majorities have got in a tizzy because of a letter sent out by Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party seeking their views. To head off the Goldsmith threat in marginal seats. Conservative Central Office is now leading the campaign for a pledge that a referendum would be held if a Tory Cabinet ever recommended entry into a single currency. A remote possibility has been turned into a pressing crisis.

Of course, as Irustrated Tories point out, Labour has similar divisions over Europe, but many of its sceptics are keeping quiet. Unlike the party of the 1970 and early 1980s, 1990s Labour has learnt to handle these differences without splitting itself apart.

The Tories may have to face the traumas of opposition before they learn how to handle Europe without severely damaging themselves. The real difference between the parties over Europe is less on policy — where Tories and Labour broadly agree on defence and border control — than in their internal party conditions. Tony Blair has, for the moment, freedom of manoeuvre on Europe, while John Major is trapped in a straitjacket.

High society

A NEW and fashionable dining society has established itself in London. The Roy Jenkins Appreciation Society has been formed in celebration of one of the great figures of modern political and literary life.

literary lite. Membership, by invitation only,



Appreciated: our Roy

is restricted to a dozen of the capital's beau monde, says the society's "provost". Hywell Williams, campaign manager to John Redwood and director of the Redwoodite think-tank, Conservative 2000.

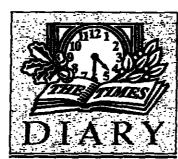
tive 2000.

"Readings from the great man's works, such as his recent biography of Gladstone, will take place at society dinners and accompany the sampling of first-growth claret. References to Whigs, Whiggery and Whiggishness will be lavish,"

he says.

I understand that members will be asked to "rouge up" their faces in the Whiggish manner and have to endure occasional voyage de pélérinage to Michelin-starred restaurants in Brussels, so as to appreciate Lord Jenkins of Hillhead's former role as President of the European Commission.

"An ability to pronounce one's Rs correctly will not automatically disqualify a candidate for selection." says Williams — "but along with pomposity, a certain slurring is desirable."



● Judge Stephen Tumim, the former Chief Inspector of Prisons, has taken on a new post as High Steward of the Oxfordshire town of Wallingford. Duties are light, remuneration is £1 and Tumim is already settling in. "Part of the inauguration involved having a slosh of Benedictine, which is rather good," he says.

Doubled up

IN WASHINGTON, brickbats are flying over the Duke of Edinburgh's decision to attend a congressional fundraising dinner on the same night as the Irish American Fund holds its money-raiser for peace."

Irish salmon. Guinness and Irish whiskey will be flown in for the other knees-up on March 14, as will the Irish Prime Minister John Bruton, and the Northern Ireland MPs John Hume and David Trimble. But although the Duke will be in town, he is not planning to put his nose round the door.

The gala chairman, Paul Quinn,

The gala chairman, Paul Quinn, thinks it "odd" that Prince Philip will be in Washington at a different dinner on the same night. "But the Irish and British have always been very competitive — particularly in Washington," he says.

Still waiting

ONE OF the most powerful men in New York has notched up half a century in the job. Regulars gathered last week to toast Walter Weiss, head waiter at the restaurant Club 21.

As Manhattan's answer to the Savoy Grill, 21 is a place for sotto voce star-spotting, discreet deal-making and gusset-busting rice puddings. Along the banquette by the entrance you might find anyone from the President to ageing Broadway dames who appreciate the low lighting.

Over the years, Walter, who is now 72, has jawed with Nixon about Californian wines and regarded Errol Flynn, Bogart and Bacali as friends. He maintained his dignity when he dropped Winston Churchill's pheasant, and kept a straight face when Cary Grant ordered a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. "Very good, sir," said Walter quietly, before inquiring, with a shudder, if Mr Grant might care to see the wine list.



"How did the speech go, dear?"

do's, which has just published Young People's Social Attitudes, "a tendency for children to give an age one year older than their own."

Fishy

FISHY IN TRUE film-star style, Michael

Douglas sauntered into the Caviar House in Heathrow's Terminal 4 the other day and airily asked for ten 500g tins of the best Beluga caviare, costing £3.300. He was promised it would be delivered, packed in ice, to his flight, which was leaving shortly. Unfortunately the shop had only two tins left. Frantic scuttling around the airport finally produced the rest, which was almost thrown onto the BA flight to South Africa as Douglas was settling into his first-class seat. Some appetite.

Fated

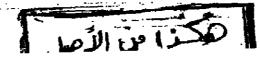
THERE was much talk at last week's launch of Magic and Fate of Rachel Billington's prescience. The novel includes a scene in which a



Campbell's tumble

model falls flat on her face on the catwalk, just like Naomi Campbell, the supermodel who toppled off her Vivienne Westwood platform shoes during a fashion show. "It was prophetic. I wrote the passage first and a few months later Naomi fell over," recalls the author. "I do feel rather guilty — perhaps it's something to do with the title."

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AFTER THE COLD WAR

Thatcher returns to Fulton and to Churchill's themes

Baroness Thatcher can have travelled to Fulton, Missouri, with few illusions that she would find an eager American response to the commemorative speech she gave on Saturday. Like Winston Churchill 50 years before her, she was fighting against the tide. She was attempting to inject fresh urgency and vigour into the Atlantic Alliance at a time when most Americans believe that their shores are again immune from international danger and a call to fresh allied effort is the last message they want to hear.

For Lady Thatcher, there are parallels between the "alarming complacency" of today's post-Cold War mood in America and the "fatal hiatus" at the end of the Second World War, when Churchill irritated both Washington and London by drawing attention to the Iron Curtain descending in Europe as the unintended consequence of Germany's defeat. Her stark message is that the dangers we face today differ only in kind, not intensity, from those of 1946.

In the former Soviet empire, she says, the "Hobbsesian conditions" of post-Communist life are breeding primitive political ideologies, and instabilities to which the West has given far too little thought. These conditions in turn aggravate the greatest threat to Western peace: the acquisition by rogue regimes of the technology to make and deliver weapons of mass destruction. Exceptional clarity is called for in the West to counter and contain a number of possible adversaries, all different, and make sure that its intentions are understood.

This was an alarmist speech - intentionally so - and it appeared at times, as with her call for a return to building antiballistic missile defences, to look back in nostalgia to the Reagan years. But on European security, and on what will have to be done to reinvigorate the Atlantic Alliance, she showed her old energy and clear eye for

She is right to turn on the European Union for neglecting "an almost explicit duty laid down by history": the speedy incorporation of the new democracies of Central Europe. She asks why, instead, "every obstacle" has been put in their way and absurd quotas imposed against their exports. She is right to point to the resulting

political costs in these fragile democracies as post-Communists profit from the perceived rebuff by Western Europe. And it is not necessary to share her unmittigated hostility to a European "defence identity" to recognise the force of her warnings that, without adding to Nato's military effectiveness, the "Europeanisation" of the alliance could easily be so mishandled as to diminish American involvement.

President Clinton's own election-year definition of a post-Cold War foreign policy is to pitch the US as "the world's very best peacemaker". The benign vagueness of this slogan avoids the difficulty of defining the tasks of the superpower in the absence of an easily identified threat. Lady Thatcher's response is to look, as some Republicans. have done, for new forms of co-operation to "thicken" trans-Atlantic ties.

First, the Europeans would have to recognise that even if their cuts in defence spending were halted or reversed, it would be years before they could hope to replace the military assets which America makes available to the alliance. Secondly, to prevent trade disputes from poisoning transatlantic relations, she heavily supports the proposals floated by Malcolm Rifkind among others for a free trade area linking the existing North American free trade area with the European Union. Finally, she envisages a stronger political identity for Nato through annual Nato summits which, she hopes, would shape "an Atlantic public opinion and political consciousness".

There is a kind of innocence in Lady Thatcher's assumption that American leadership is always a thing of substance. The innocence may be cultivated: her appeal for American leadership may be informed by sharp anxiety about a generalised failure of American will. Mikhail Gorbachev once said that Moscow was about to do something dreadful to the West: it would deprive it of its enemy, and thus of its unifying principle. Lady Thatcher's conscious emulation of Churchill should be seen as something more serious than a call to her own divided political party. It is an effort to face up to the Gorbachev prophecy and to put in place some of the building-blocks of a

PARIAH NATION

new Western identity.

Iranians must be made to feel the cost of supporting terrorism

Clerical extremists suffered a significant setback in elections to Iran's parliament on Friday. Any weakening of the zealots who have kept Iran a pariah state for over 15 years is welcome but the rebuff to Islamic radicalism should not be exaggerated. Iran is still one of the world's most intensely ideological states, and all 3,200 candidates allowed to contest the 270 seats had first to be vetted by mullahs determined to maintain the fervour of the Islamic Revolution.

The election coincided with international denunciation of Iranian support for terrorism in the wake of the suicide bombings in Israel. The Clinton Administration has accused Tehran of being the moral instigator and clandestine military supporter of Hamas, Hezbollah and Islamic Jihad terrorist groups that are violently opposed to the Middle East peace process. Britain last week summoned the Iranian charge d'affaires to denounce Iran's open support for the recent atrocities in Israel. And Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, urged the European Union to stop "flirting" with Iran, insisting that it is a centre of terrorism and subversion.

World leaders will be as uncompromising in their condemnation when they meet for a brief emergency summit in Sinai on Wednesday to recommit themselves to the fight against terrorism. The Americans will demand support for their campaign to isolate Iran and topple the Government; the Europeans, defensively, will insist that their Witical dialogue" at present is mostly

World condemnation in the past has

mattered little to Iran; the mullahs have used their defiance of the "Great Satan" to impose their benighted politicisation of Islam on a country in desperate need of economic advance and competent government. This time, however, the relatively liberal President Rafsaniani may be able to turn the accusations to his advantage.

His hopes for economic liberalisation, an easing of the cultural war against the West and a more pragmatic foreign policy have been repeatedly thwarted by clerical hardliners. After the last election there were signs that Iran was ready for a thaw in relations with the West, only to be followed by a new outburst of xenophobia, support for subversion abroad and the eclipse of the pragmatic technocrats by clergy determined to prevent change. But now the country may be wearying of ideology.

As the vote shows, an increasing number of people want to focus on pressing daily problems: the price of food, fuel and housing, the influx from the countryside, the population boom that has lowered living standards and threatens widespread unemployment. The clergy are increasingly seen as ill-educated, incompetent and corrupt. Many Iranians are anxious to break out of their country's isolation, do business with the West and escape the harassment and stifling controls of Islamic vigilantes. President Rafsanjani cannot promise that economic reform will bring foreign investment or better relations with the West - but he can demonstrate that unless Iran jettisons its extremist baggage, it will remain stuck down its revolutionary cul-de-sac.

THE CAPTAIN'S ART

A leader must know how to win

This is not a good time for captains. One, Will Carling has decided to resign from his job next Saturday after England plays Ireland at Twickenham. Another, Michael Atherton, is looking for a hole in the ground in which to hide himself after a pasting from Sri Lanka in the cricket World Cup. A third, John Major, continues to suffer the disdain of the public. All three are victims of the curse of captaincy.

Writing in his recent book, The Art of Captaincy, Mike Brearley pointed out that a captain is held responsible when things go wrong, and any rottenness in him rapidly Preads through the whole organism". He is swayed by conflicting demands, both shortam and long-term, tactical and psychologial Brearley, perhaps the only England tricket captain to have surpassed Douglas lardine in his acumen, was writing about his own game. But his observations are valid for any contest in which leadership can Pake a difference between magic and

Rugby is not like cricket in this regard for Rugby is not like the once his 15 men are on the field of play, a highy captain does not have an awful lot to do He can provide leadership by the quality his play, but he does not formulate much pitch strategy. In cricket, as in government, however, the captain is all-important. He is like an astronaut to a rocket he largely determines whether the team of 11 cricketers will soar into space or crash messily to ground. A captain's job is at its most taxing when

the team's opponents are rampant. Atherton lost on Saturday to an assault of flashing blades for which he was tactically unprepared. Tony Blair, Mr Major's adversary, is hardly as frightening as Sri Lanka's batsmen; but he is handling his party's resources with no small amount of panache. The Prime Minister's recent indecision over the question of a single currency referendum may stand comparison with Atherton's endless dithering over England's batting order.

Although England's cricket captain has no team members who are sulking, fuming or plotting against him, Atherton and Mr Major do share broadly the same pressures. They field similar demands on their intellect, cope with the shark's-teeth of public opinion and fight to retain a dignity which our history demands of those in charge of the nation's institutions. Britain is a cruel place for captains. Our sense of hierarchy is pronounced. And falls from grace in Britain are almost always uncushioned. Ouch!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Call for positive approach to IGC

From the Chairman of the European Movement and others

Sir. The Government will publish its proposals on Tuesday for the forthcoming inter-governmental confer-ence (IGC) which will set out the future direction of the European Union (see letters, March 9). We be-lieve that Britain's national interest will best be served by a realistic, hardheaded and positive pro-European approach.

Britain should support the extension of qualified majority voting where such a change would favour Britain's national interest. Without qualified majority voting the Single European Act, which has brought huge economic benefit to Britain. would never have happened. We must not let simplistic "veto" rhetoric blind us to areas where the United Kingdom would gain by the diminution of the power of any one state to block

Enlargement of the Union, which Britain has strongly supported, will immobilise Europe unless procedures become more efficient. Without improvements in qualified majority voting, enlargement will be impossible. Are we willing to sacrifice the stability of Eastern Europe to Euro-sceptic

It is generally accepted that the IGC must aim to make Europe more de-mocratic and accessible to its citizens. So Council of Ministers meetings need to be more open and the European Parliament - the democratic link between the European Union and its citizens — and national par-liaments should have more say in decision-making.

The Government can avoid turning the IGC into a battle between "them" and "us". Britain must be pragmatic, not dogmatic, if its own interests are to

We believe that these ideas will find favour with the broad pro-European majority that exists in the UK. We commend them to the Government and to the people of the country. Yours sincerely

GILES RADICE, Chairman, EDWINA CURRIE (Vice-Chairman), CHARLES KENNEDY (Vice-Chairman), QUENTIN DAVIES, ROY HATTERSLEY, DENIS MacSHANE, TIM RATHBONE. PETER TEMPLE-MORRIS, GRAHAM WATSON. European Movement -United Kingdom, Dean Bradley House, 52 Horseferry Road, SW1. March 10.

Spanish fish row From Mr David Green

Sir, The Spanish fishermen now to be compensated (report, March 6) had complied with British registration rules before the 1988 Merchant Shipping Act requiring that 75 per cent of their crews and company employees should be British. Some had moved with their families to Britain. Some, with the blessing of the White Fish Authority and with grants from it, had invested in and built new trawlers here, some specially designed to catch types of fish not previously exploited here and intended for sale on the Continent.

Our Government nevertheless attempted to wipe out these established businesses by enacting in 1988 that vessels fishing in British waters should in addition be 75 per cent

That legislation contravened the articles of the Treaty of Rome which guarantee EC citizens the right of free business establishment (European Law Report, September 16, 1991). It was inevitable that those threatened would invoke European law to challenge the Government's right to extinguish them.

Since our Government insisted that the relevant vessels should not fish while the court battles were fought, it should not surprise anyone that, having lost, it must now compensate them for their illegally enforced idleness.

Yours faithfully, DAVID GREEN, Rhyd yr Harding, Castle Morris, Nr Haverfordwest, Dyfed. March 8.

Work permitting .

From Mr Michael Steel

Sir, I was cheered to see your photograph today of the Education and Employment Minister, Cheryl Gillan, presenting a work permit to Romanian footballer Ilie Dumitrescu on the pitch at West Ham United's football

With three children in senior school and parental worries about their future careers, and with my wife teaching in a secondary school, I am gratified to know that all is so well that our minister can find time to make personal presentations of work permits. This will give me great comfort in the year preceding the general election.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL STEEL l Downshire Hill, Hampstead, NW3.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Revenge and reconciliation in Israel

From Lord Mayhew and others

Sir, There can be no conceivable justification for the cruelty of the recent bombings by a faction of Hamas in Israel (letters, March 5, 7, 8). These dreadful acts damage in

equal measure the Government of Shimon Peres, the fledgeling administration of Yassir Arafat and the prospects for any sort of reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians.

At this moment, when an explosion f violence drowns the calls for peace, it is more important than ever for the leaders of both sides to resist the impulse to seek vengeance and to keep open the channel of communication between them. The terrorists repre-sent only a fraction of the Palestinian people and their target is the peace process itself. To break it off is to hand them a victory. We should remember too that the

suicide bombers of Hamas are young men whose whole lives have been lived under Israeli occupation. They have seen their parents insulted and humiliated and they themselves have endured the repression and brutality that are inseparable from occupation - and all the time, for almost 30 years, they have watched helplessly while the Israelis seized the land of Palestinian farmers and built on it the settlements which are condemned by the United Nations as "illegal and an obstacle to

If the Israelis now revert to the "iron fist" policy by which they have tried for so long, without success, to break the spirit of the Palestinians, what good can it do? Surely experience shows that it will only perpetuate the cycle of violence of which the Israelis themselves are for the moment the victims?

By a huge programme of collective punishment directed against all Palestinians without discrimination they have it in their power to do still greater injury to those they have made their enemies -- but at a terrible cost, in the long run, to themselves.

Yours faithfully, MAYHEW, MICHAEL ADAMS, JAMES CRAIG. STEVE SHERMAN. MICHAEL WALL, DENNIS WALTERS. Middle East International, 21 Collingham Road, Earls Court, SW5. March 8.

From the Principal of The Muslim College

Sir, The recent tragedies in the Holy Land have saddened, indeed horrified, many of us Muslims. No one wishes to see innocent lives lost and peaceable people terrorised, but there are those who glory in acts of violence and who equate peace with weakness.

The march for peace in the complex issue of the Middle East has begun, albeit with halting steps; but it is so precious that all men of goodwill must endeavour to their utmost to see that it reaches its destination in a just settle-

This will require all of us -Muslims, Christians, and Jews - to be both vigilant and forbearing. We must instil within our peoples a set of values in which we accord each other

respect and consideration. We have for so long dehumanised and demonised each other. This has allowed the assassins and the bombers to be hailed as heroes. In this sad and crucial time heroism should be accorded only to the peacemakers. The road to peace is always hard, but need it be so bloody?

I extend my condolences to all the victims of this sad conflict and my prayer that the spirit of our true faiths will overcome the hatred that the wounds of recent events have evoked. The leaders of both peoples need to be far-sighted and more restrained to save the peace process from its

Yours sincerely, M. A. ZAKI BADAWI, Principal. The Muslim College, 20-22 Creffield Road, W5. March &

From Dr Salah Ezz

Sir, The Chief Rabbi, Dr Jonathan Sacks, is right to state (letter, March 7) that religion can be used blas-phemously to justify great evil. This is exactly what the Zionists did

when they embarked upon creating the Jewish state by slaughtering, terrorising and expelling the Arab inhabitants of Palestine.

It is religion which is being used, in defiance of international and UN resolutions, to justify the occupation of the West Bank and the annexing of Arab East Jerusalem. It is religion which is being used to grant Jews from all corners of the earth a "right of return" while the rightful owners of the land are denied that right, and thus to prevent the removal of even the most provocative Jewish settlements.

Had Jewish leaders worldwide condemned and confronted all this evil there is no doubt that the blood of have been easily spared.

Yours faithfully, 223 Iffley Road, Oxford.

March 8 **Arts Council projects**

From the Secretary-General of the Arts Council of England Sir. A "nightmare scenario" of a na-

tion dotted with half-finished lotteryinspired monuments is predicted in Alexandra Frean's report, "Lottery grants raise fears of unfinished projects" (March 4). I would like to give a reassurance that the Arts Council will not allow a project to enter into a phase in its building programme unless it has sufficient partnership funding to complete that phase.

Concerns have been expressed by commercial sponsors and charitable trusts that they will not be able to meet an overwhelming demand for money to make up the partnership element of lottery bids. The Arts Council requires only 10 per cent of the costs of projects up to £100,000 to come from other sources, and 25 per cent for projects over £100,000.

Under the council's criteria, approval by the Department of National Heritage, partnership funding may take the form of a financial contribution towards the costs of the project from private donation, the business sector, from local authornies or from European funds. It can also be support-in-kind - voluntary labour, for example, or donations of land, buildings, equipment or materials, or an agreement to support running costs during or after the project's completion. In the first year of the council's

lottery operation, while the amount of lottery income and the applications for funding have far exceeded expectations, meeting the partnership requirement has not yet presented major problems. Of the 522 projects so far funded by the council, nearly 62 per cent of the total project costs are set to come from partnership funds. Small community-based projects have had least difficulty meeting their targets. However, the council is doing some

research into those organisations that have already received awards to discover whether there is a problem and, if there is, whether it relates to any particular type of project. It is also in regular touch with recipients of the larger grants to ensure that the targets for fundraising, set by the organ-isations themselves, are being met. The Arts Council believes it is

important that there should continue to be some partnership element in all lottery grants to ensure that projects enjoy support within the local community and to lever money from other sources such as European development funds.

Yours faithfully, MARY ALLEN, Secretary-General, The Arts Council of England, 14 Great Peter Street, SWI. March 5.

Four-stackers recalled From Mr W. R. Galley

Sir. The photograph of the Americanbuilt destroyer Beverley which accompanied your obituary of Rear-Admiral John Grant (March I) revived for me memories of over 50 years ago.

I served 18 months in one of these four-stackers, the worth of which lay in their speed and their capacity to fire torpedoes and to drop depth charges. While their boiler technology may have had merit, their general design concept was hardly to be admired: there was no quick access to the upper deck, if need be, and the cambered deck, flush from stem to stern, boxed everything in, as against the break of fo'c'sle of conventional British destroyers. In 1944, when my own ship, HMS Lancaster, on East Coast convoy duty, was in collision and began to list we seemed to queue endlessly before reaching the upper deck through a small hatch via two consecutive lad-

crowded; my mess, behind a bulkhead

When built during the First World War these ships had bunks for about 80 men, but with the advent of asdic, radar and anti-aircraft guns the complement must have exceeded 120. The seamen's accommodation -- cramped below decks in the forcisle - was over-

and watertight door, was a trap beyond this - right in the sharp end.

At the upper level (with portholes) were the wardroom and petty officers mess: below this level, the portholes were blanked-off, so it was constant electric light for us. If one awoke in the small hours, by the night-light one could see rats sniffing around the mess tins. The officers' cabins, amidships, were quite good. The ship's main armament, a 4in

gun on the forc'sle, was often awash. The anchors (Admiralty Pattern-type, relic of sailing-ship days) were secured to flat housings on either side of the bows; their stocks were raised by a derrick on the prow, and if certain pins were not well-greased, anchorwork could be a long, cold (and for the bridge) annoying process. Four fun-nels meant four boilers, and, with magazines fore and aft, a hit amidships could be lethal. When HMS Bath was torpedoed in the Atlantic, I fear there were few if any survivors.

After the war, I read that HMS Lancaster was to be broken up at Blyth, not far from my home. It is to my infinite regret that I did not take my box camera and see her for the last time.

Yours sincerely. WILLIAM R. GALLEY, 189 Mortimer Road, South Shields, Tyne and Wear.

Authenticity of Bacon self-portrait

From Mr Angus Stewart

Sir, On March 2, during the exhibition at Olympia of works by Francis Bacon and Henry Moore, you printed a letter questioning the authenticity of the recently published self-portrait by Francis Bacon — largely on the grounds that the board on which it was painted could not have been available before 1937.

Winsor and Newton, the manufacturers of the board, whom I have questioned, are unable to sustain that proposition; and in any case the date of the painting is of far less importance than its form and content. In my opinion, these make it self-evident that the painting is by and of Bacon.

In the Olympia exhibition, of which I was the curator, the self-portrait was hung with seven of the paintings which Bacon produced between 1933 and 1989. Nineteen thousand people. including conservators, critics, art historians and the artist's friends and colleagues, saw the portrait. It held its own. There was little dissent and frequent recognition of style and subject. Its relevance to the artist's later paintings was accepted as clear and specific.

The appearance of this self-portrait challenges the belief that, apart from known paintings, Bacon destroyed all of his early work. One early work has now surfaced, and there are known to be later paintings, given or bartered, not yet in the public domain. As these are exhibited the history of Bacon's career will be revised.

In his later self-portraits Bacon is recognisable but distorted, as he is in this one. A self-portrait is listed in the catalogue published by him of the work which he exhibited in his London studio in November 1930. The painting under discussion may be that one its date, even if established. will not be as important as the painting itself, and its authenticity is clear.

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Access to countryside

From Miss Marion Shoard

Sir, Sir David Steel (letter, March 4) argues that walkers must be excluded from the countryside because it is "a place of industry". There are those nent role in rural industries than Sir David who would disagree.

Sir Simon Gourlay, president of the National Farmers' Union from 1986 to 1991, opened his 800-acre farm to the public eight years ago. He recently told The Times (report, February 26): "I have had no problems." Sir David does not deny that the

rural industries of Norway and Sweden appear to have weathered the hazards of a general right of public access with no visible ill-effects. Instead, he asserts that their experience is irrelevant because population densities are higher in Britain than in Scandinavia.

In fact, although Scandinavia's Arctic regions are of course pretty empty. the countryside in parts of southeast Sweden and southern Norway is extremely heavily used for recreation.

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These areas are not only the target for numerous day visitors from the surrounding population centres. They are also the location of many of the second homes which are owned by a third of the families living in these countries.

Sir David might also care to note the position in Germany, which is far more densely populated than Norway or Sweden. In the 1970s, West Ger man farmers and foresters mounted protests similar to Sir David's against impending legislation aimed at extending public access to the countryside. The legislation nonetheless went ahead, and the effectiveness of Germany's rural industries remains un-

It is understandable that our own farmers should fear what they have not experienced. Where that experience exists, it seems to show their fears to be groundless.

Yours faithfully, MARION SHOARD, 15 Melbury Gardens, SW20. March 5.

Thundering success From Rabbi David Lincoln

Sir, In a letter published by The Times on January 6, 1962, I called for the resumption of diplomatic relations between the United Kingdom and Albania.

For some inexplicable reason the Prime Minister of the day, Harold Macmilian, failed to act on my suggestion. Evidently it also had no effect on Sir Alec Douglas-Home, Harold Wilson, Edward Heath, James Callaghan and Margaret Thatcher.

Imagine my delight when your columns anriounced last week (report, February 22: leading article, February 23) that John Major had shown the resolution that his predecessors lacked. I left Britain because I had imagined that my influence had waned; this reassurance is therefore most welcome.

Yours faithfully, DAVID H. LINCOLN, Park Avenue Synagogue. 50 East 87th Street. New York, NY10128. March 6.

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ST JAMES'S PALACE March 9: The Duke of Kent represented Her Majesty The Oueen at the inauguration of the President of Portugal in Lisbon. His Royal Highness later returned Mr Nicolas Adamson was it

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 10: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Mr Christian Adams (Her Maiesty's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand) at the Royal Cremation Ceremony of The Princess Mother which was held at Phra Meru Ground, Bangkok, this

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 10: Today is the Anniversary of the Birthday of The Prince Edward.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Commonwealth Day Observance service in Westminster Abbey at 3.15; and, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, will attend the Commonwealth Day reception at Marlborough House at 6.30.

The Prince of Wales will open the Salford Foyer, Lower Seedley Road, Salford, Greater Man-chester, at 10.25; as President of The Prince's Trust, will attend the trust's conference "Towards the Millennium" at the Jarvis Piccadilly Hotel, Piccadilly Plaza, Manster, at 11.40: and will visit the Manchester Velodrome, the National Cycling Centre, Clayton, at

The Princess Royal, will visit Willows High School, Willows Avenue, Tremorfa, at 10.50; as President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, will launch the Cardiff Safer Cities project at Cardiff Castle at 11.30: and as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will visit Rhymney Valley Carers Centre, 12 Pontygwindy Road. Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan, at 12.40.

The Duke of Kent, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, will visit 1st Battalion. Somme Barracks, Catterick, at

Today's events

The Queen's Life Guard mounts at Horse Guards at 11.00.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy & Royal Marines Commodore: C R Beagley — Staff of 25L/CNH 3.9.96.
Captain: S R J Goodall — SHAPE Belgium 30.8.96; F H Hiscock — JMOTS Northwood 22.7.96; R G Lockwood — MOD London 26.7.96; A J D Somerville — MOD London 7.6.96; J G H Tighe Brussels 9.8.96; P J Wilkinson — MOD London 24.7.96

Local Colonel: J G Rose — MOD London 30.8.96. Lordon Coloneri: J G Kose — MUD London 30.8.96.
Commander: R J Builer — HQ North 17.5.96; J A Connell — SCU Leydene 26.7.96; D Ford — Northwood 26.4.96; R W Fraser — MOD London 20.9.96; R M Pegg — BDS Washington 12.7.96; A D Penny — Plymouth 19.7.96; E F Seatherion — Richmond in Cmd 27.8.96.
Surgeon Commander: A R Mugridge — Invincible 10.5.96.
Major: J M F Robbins — 45 CDO RM 9.4.96.

Surgeon Commodore: R Harland — 903-90 Commander: S B P Anderson — 19,4,96: H R Evans — 3,6,96: P A Jackson — 11,5,96. Surgeon Commander (D): B J Griffiths — 2,6,96.

The Army Colonel: M J Dent — To HQ 5 Div. 11.3.96: J H Hardy — To be CQ 5 Dental Gp. 11.3.96: D S Ioilife — To MOD AMD. 11.3.96: R C Menzles — To be Comd Med HQ Land, 11.3.96: B E Guignard KEME — To MOD M.13.96: B E Guignard KEME — To MOD, 11.3.96: P M Holme R Anglian — To HQ Land. 11.3.96: M C McCabe RE — To HQ AFCENT. 11.3.96: D R Poits RA — To be CQ 5 Regt RA. 11.3.96: T J B Sincialr RA — To MOD, 11.3.96. Retirement Brigadien T E O'Donnell late RAPC, 16.3.96.

Royal Air Force

Air Commodore: M C Rudd — MOD. 15.3.96.
Group Captain: C J Morris — RAF Lyneham. 15.3.96.
Wing Commander: M F F Common — HQ Norris. 43.96: B Coombes — LATCC (MIL., 43.96: R R C Parsiey— HQ BF Gibraltar. 43.96: N V vaughan-Smith — ROC Northwest-Northwood. 43.96: M C Stevens — MODIPE, 9.3.96: S J Kinder — RAF Bentiey Priory. 11.3.96: J K Meagher — RAF Wittering. 113.96: W A McCluggage — JARIC Brampton. 113.96: R A J Castle — MOD DCDS. 18.3.96: M M A Urguhart — RAF Mi Pleasant. 11.3.96: F Paterson — HQ PTC. 11.3.96: J R Long — RAF Cranwell. 18.3.96: J P Mayne — RAF Cranwell. 18.3.96: D S Belimore — JHQ IMP TM Northwood. 18.3.96.

Retirements Air Commodore: W R Fitzgerald. 14.3.96: A J Griffin. 14.3.96; N R Irving. 14.3.96: K S Prior. 14.3.96. Group Capialn: D Murray. 13.3.96: A S Torrode. 13.3.96: C McClure-Hall. Group Capitain: D Murray. 13.3.96: A S Torride. 133.96: C McCluire-Hail. 13.3.96: S G Appleton. 14.3.96: M R Armstrong. 14.3.96: S J Barclay. 14.3.96: M J Bruce. 14.3.96: N A Buckland. 14.3.96: C Cho-Young. 14.3.96: R J Colver. 14.3.96: S G Dorwood. 14.3.96: D Haywood. 14.3.96: T M Holioway. 14.3.96: N G Hopper. 14.3.96: M J Fibilips. 14.3.96: M M Macteod. 14.3.96: M F Thillips. 14.3.96: G A Woolley. 14.3.96: M G Thompson. 14.3.96: R G Thompson. 14.3.96: R G Williams. 14.3.96: G A Woolley. 14.3.96. M M Macteod. 14.3.96: M J D Cave. 13.3.96: K F Croft. 13.3.96: K F D Cave. 13.3.96: M F D Cave. 13.3.96: D A P Nicholl. 13.3.96: B J O Reilley. 13.3.96: S P J P Mullen. 13.3.96: B A Reid. 13.3.96: B O C Simpson. 13.3.96: D G Stevens. 13.3.96: D G Stevens. 13.3.96: D B Fares. 13.3.96: E P Turk. 13.3.96: D B Fares. 13.3.96: E P Turk. 13.3.96: D B Fares. 13.3.96:

Lord-Lieutenants

The following to be appointed lordlieutenant:
The Earl of Scarborough (South Yorkshire); James Napier Tidmarsh (Bristol); Richard Marriott (East Yorkshire).

Nature notes

birds everywhere are courting their mates or threatening their rivals. Woodpigeons have begun their switchback

clapping their wings and glid-ing down again. Starlings sit on chimney-pots, waving their wings as they sing, with the feathers on their throat standing out like a beard. Carrion crows

The starling

bend forward and open their beaks as if they were going to be sick, then produce a harsh rattle from deep in their throat. Redwings and fieldfares, which are thrushes that come here

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are sitting in flocks in the treetops, singing a babbling song, before they set out north

The silver catkins of sallow, or pussy willow, are now open all along the twigs on many bushes. After the heavy rain, moss is growing thick on lawns where dead leaves were left to rot last autumn. DJM

The Queen's Commonwealth Day message

Democracy built on partnership

Commonwealth Day message today, will emphasise the need to work in partnership to build democracy around the world.

It was her hope that young people would carry partnershin forward to make the world a better and safer place. "A successful partnership depends on mutual respect and friendship, and what matters is not what people are but what they can contribute to the common purpose," the Queen says in her role as Head of the

The message, distributed to schools in Britain and throughout the Commonwealth, is due to be read aloud in the presence of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh by Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Common wealth Secretary-General, at a multifaith ceremony in Westminster Abbey this afternoon.

It comes as Nigeria remains suspended from the Commonwealth for civil and human rights abuses. Commonwealth heads of government, meeting in New Zealand late last year, excluded Nigeria after the hanging

of civil rights campaigners. The Nigerian flag will be absent from those of Commonwealth states, now including Mozambique and Cameroon, flown in Parliament Square and processed

IT WAS the large massed displays of

popular orchids that scooped the top

awards at the Royal Horticultural Soci-

ety's Orchid Show, held over the weekend

A gold medal was awarded to

McBean's Orchids of Cooksbridge, East

Sussex, who managed to include early

flowering cymbidiums such as "Christ-

mas Joy", in warm orange, brown and

pink shades, for the first time at this show,

as the low light conditions during the

The other gold medal winner was Ivens

Orchids, of Sandridge, Hertfordshire, whose beautifully staged display included a large group of Cymbidium Sarah Jean

'Ice Cascade" with pendulous trusses

Paphiopedilums, or slipper orchids,

winter delayed flowering.

of small white waxy flowers.



What matters is not what people are but what they can contribute to the common purpose"

Popular orchids scoop awards

By Alan Toogood, HORTICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

with waxy pouched flowers, are being

recommended for growing as house

plants. Greenaway Orchids of Puxton.

Avon, featured them in their mossy

exhibit draped with grey Spanish moss, and Ratcliffe Orchids, of Owslebury,

Hampshire, staged part of the national

Blue orchids are much sought after and

particularly desirable was a dark form of

Dendrobium victoria-reginae with violet

blue flowers, shown by Plested Orchids,

comparatively easy for French orchid

growers Vacherout & Lecoufle, of Boissey.

St Leger, to come to Westminster and

their exhibit was noted for its beautifully

grown, brightly coloured orchids such as

Laeliocattleya "Gold Digger" with rich

The Channel Tunnel has made it

collection of Paphiopedilum.

of Camberley, Surrey.

during the annual Commonwealth Day Observance in Westminster Abbey.

In her message, the Queen says: "Partnership builds on experience, drawing lessons from the past and cementing shared friendships; and it looks to the future as it tackles the challenges of the present.

The Commonwealth is an excellent example of this kind of partnership. The 53 sovereign nations who belong to it have vastly different social and ethnic traditions, but it has been able to fashion unity out of this diversity and to become a working partnership of governments and

One of the most valuable aspects of this partnership was the network of Commonwealth non-governmental organisations, linking members of a wide range of thriving cultural, educational and sporting links, the Queen

The heads of government of the Commonwealth set out its fundamental aims and principles in a statement adopted at Harare in 1991, and last November in New Zealand they agreed on an important action programme to give that mission statement a real cutting edge, with the emphasis on democracy. development and consensusbuilding. Those aims, like so many others, can best be pursued in partnership.

Young people learn early the value of taking part in teams and tackling projects in partnership. I hope that you will carry those lessons into later life and, with the idealism and clear vision which the young can offer, help to build lasting partnerships to make the world a better and safer place." More than half the 2,000 congregation at the ceremony will be schoolchildren and young people from throughout the United Kingdom.

Representatives of the main religions of the Commonwealth will take part as well as those from the Jain Zoroastrian faiths. and Music before and after the Observance will be played by the Melodian Steel Orchestra UK and the Abbey will be decorated with flowers from

bled a flight of large white moths above

our heads and formed an impressive

centrepiece of the exhibit from Wood-

stock Orchids, of Great Brickhill

As well as these popular orchids there

were plenty for enthusiasts, particularly the collection of miniature epiphytic (tree

dwelling) species from Equatorial Plants,

branches, they included a selection of

dendrobiums from New Guinea such as

Dendrobium monophyllum with tiny

yellow bell-like flowers. A Wardian case,

a closed glass case like a miniature

greenhouse, would provide an ideal

Skilfully mounted on mossy tree

of Barnard Castle, Co Durham,

environment for these tiny gems.

Highbridge,

Mr John Marshall Greenwood, of

Balderstone, Lancashire.. £882,242

Mr Robin Frederick Halle-Smith,

of Long Ditton, Surrey... £937,085.

Mr Robert David Henderson

Tate, of Esher, Surrey £987,039

Mr Donald Irving, of Lower

Somerset

Buckinghamshire.

Birthdays today

Mr Douglas Adams, author, 44, Mr Terence Alexander, actor, 73, Miss Agatha Barbara, former President, Malta, 73; Sir John Batten, former Physician to The Queen, 72: Mr K. L. Bedell-Pearce. and Miss C. Harper managing director. Prudential UK Division, 50; Professor A. O. Betts. former Principal, Royal Veterinary College. 69; Dr John Beynon. former Principal. King's College London. 57; Miss Louise Brough. termis player, 73: Mr Michael Carttiss, MP. 58: Lord Congleton. Man. 66; Sir Kenneth Dover, former President, Corpus Christi College. and Miss E.J. Rawstron Oxford, 63; Mr D. J. Enright. writer, 76; Mr Peter Evre, actor, 54 Mr Michael Flesch, QC, 56: Mr David Gentleman, painter and designer, 66; Mr Jonathan Gestetner, chairman, Mari-Mr D. Kay and Miss C. Barton borough Rare Books, 56; Professor T.C. Gray, anaesthetist, 83: Miss Margaret Herbison, former MP, 89: Viscount Hood, 82: Mr Raymond Jackson (Jak), cartoonist, 69, Lord Lawson of Blaby, 64: Sir Fitzroy Maclean, KT, former MP, 85; Sir Henry Marking. of Sevenoaks. former chairman. British Tourist Authority, 76: Mr Timothy Mason,

former director, Scottish Arts Council, 51; Vice-Admiral Sir Christopher Morgan, 57; Air Marshal Sir Alec Morris, 70: Lord Mowbray and Stourton, 73: Mr Rupert Murdoch, chairman and chief executive, The News Corporation, 65: Miss Erica O'Donnell, founder, Study Centre for the History of the Fine and Decorative Arts, 76; Lord Justice Pill, 58: Mrs Jennifer Smith. for mer Principal, Harrogate Ladies College, 46; Mr Richard Smith, Editor, British Medical Journal 44; Sir Keith Speed, MP. 62; Sir lain Tennant, KT, Lord Lieutenant of Morayshire, 77; Miss Patricia l'indale, architect, 70; Mr Ron Todd, trade unionist, 69; Sir Peter Walters. chairman, SmithKline Beecham, 65: Mr J. Whybrow, former chairman, Philips UK. 49: Mr Tony Wright, MP, 48; Mr Alan Yentob, Controller, BBCI, 49.

Service luncheon

600 City of London Squadron Association Mr Sydney Dowse was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the 600 City of London Squadron Association held on Saturday at the RAF Club, Piccadilly, after the annual meeting. Mr Ray Aveyard, presiorange-yellow flowers. The flowers of a group of *Pholoenopsis* "Jumbo" resemdent of the association, was in the

Service supper

The Queen's Regiment The annual reunion supper of The Queen's Regimental Association was held on Saturday at the Victory Services Club. Brigadier M.R.I. Constantine presided

Service dinners 6th/7th Battalion The Royal

Welch Fusiliers (TA) Colonel J.N. Egan presided at the annual dinner of the 6th/7th Battalion The Royal Welch Fu-siliers (TA) held on Saturday at Maesmawr Hall Hotel, Caersws.

The Red Rose Club Officers of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry held their annual Red Rose Dinner on Friday night at Kearsley House, Wigan, Major General Sir Michael Palmer, Honorary Colonel, presided, Colonel Sir Simon Towneley. Patron. Major General I.L. Freer, Major General R.W. Ward, Brigadier D.C.N. Shaw and representatives of the Lancashire Lieutenancy, the Duchy of Lancaster, HMS Lancaster, the Kings Royal Hussars and the Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry were

University news Oxford

amongst those present.

Pembroke College Frank Buckley Fellow in Chemistry: Gordon Harlow Whitham. BTP Research Fellowship in Polymer Chemistry: Duncan William John McCallieg.

Forthcoming, marriages

Mr B. Benjamin

The engagement is announced between Brent, elder son of Mrs Eileen Benjamin and the late Mr Kenneth Benjamin, of Somerset West, South Africa, and Charlotte elder daughter of Rev Roger and Mrs Harper, of St Marks, Isle of

Mr T.M. Jackson

The engagement is announced between Trevor, younger son of Mr and Mrs S. Jackson, of Windsor. Berkshire, and Emmadaughter of Dr and Mrs J. Rawstron, of Frision, Suffolk

The engagement is announced between Dominic, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Kay, of Lytham St Annes, and Clare, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew Barton

The Hon Orlando Montagu and Miss L. Roundell

The engagement is announced between Orlando, son of the Earl and Countess of Sandwich, and Richard Roundell.

Mr M.M. Smith and Miss S.J.C. Bell

The engagement is announced berween Michael, son of Dr and Mrs Robert F. Smith, of Duneding New Zealand, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Maurice H. Bell, of Low Easby, North

Mr A.C.V. Wynn and Mrs V.J. Domenge

The engagement is announced between Antony, elder son of Lieutenant Commander the Hon C.H.R. Wynn, RN, of Tiverton, Devon, and the Hon Mrs Charles Wynn, of Malton, Yorkshire, and Victoria, eldest daughter of Sir Derek Boorman and the late Lady Boorman, of Lower Rowling, Kent.

Marriage

Mr C.H.R. Troup and Miss L-L Rendall The marriage took place quietly, in St Andrews, Scotland, at the end of Troup and Lou-Lou Rendall.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Torquato Tasso, poet, Sorrento. 1544; William statesman, Huskisson. Moreton, Worcestershire 1770: Urbain Le Verrier, astronomer. St Lo, Normandy, 1811: Sir Henry Tate, founder of the Tate Gallery, Chorley, 1819; Marius Fetipa. choreographer. Marseilles. 1819: Sir Malcolm Campbell, holder of speed records on land and water. Chislehurst, Kent, 1885; Henry Cowell, composer, Menio Park, California, 1887; Dorothy Gish, stage and film actress, Dayle. . Ohio, 1898; Jessie Manheys. singer and actress, London, 1907.

DEATHS: John Toland, philosopher and free thinker. London, 1722: Hannah Cowley, dramatist and poet, Tiverton, 1809; Sir Alexander Mackenzie, explorer of keld. 1820; Benjamin West, painter. President of the Royal Academy 1792-1820. London, 1820: Sir James Outram, general, Pau, France, 1863: Henry Drummond, theologian, Tunbridge Wells, 1897; Rolf Boldrewood (Thomas A. Browne), novelist, Melbourne, 1915; Sir Alexander Fleming. discoverer of penicillin, Nobel laureare 1945, London, 1955; Richand Byrd, aviator and Polar exdorer, Boston, Massachusetts, 1957; Earl Stanley Gardner, crime

writer, Temecula, California, 1970. The Royal Hospital in Chelsea for old soldiers (Chelsea Pensioners) was founded, 1682. The single-broadsheet Daily Cou-

rant. England's first successful daily newspaper, was published near Fleet Street, 1702. Luddite riots began, 1811. Bradfield reservoir, Sheffield,

burst its banks and more than 250 people were drowned, 1864.

again. The solitary yellow at Canterbury blossoms of winter aconite are

In the early spring sunshine, numerous this year: now they flights, soaring up into the air.

out on the woodland floor, there is a ruff of green leaves just below each flower, but the larger leaves will not appear till later. The flowers are very sensitive to temperature, and close if it drops beneath 10C.

Appointments University of Kent

at Westminster.

The University of Kent at Canter-bury is pleased to announce the appointment of Sir Crispin Tickell, GCMG, KCVO, Warden of Green College Oxford, as Chancellor of the University. He will be installed later this year in a ceremony at

St Michael's School, Otford Kent

The Governors announce the appointment of Dr Peter Roots, as Headmaster of St Michael's School with effect from the Michaelmas term 1996. He will succeed Mr Simon Cummins, who takes up the appointment of Headmaster of Edgarley Hall, the junior school of Millfield, at the same time. Dr Roots is currently Director of Studies at Port Regis School, Shaftesbury, Dorset.

Diana Margaret Turner, of Somerton, Somerset, left estate

valued at £2.837.965 pet. values at 22,57,900 rest.
After a number of personal bequests she left Standerwick Parm and Elm Cottage, Babcary, with appropriate effects, and Standerwick Cottage, subject to a prior interest, to the National Trust, and the remainder of her estate to Challey Heritage.

Sir Maurice Fletcher Coop. of Mickleham, Surrey, solicitor, for-mer chairman of the Dunlop Rubber Company, left estate valued at £356.023 net. Professor Robin Olver Gandy, of Oxford, mathematician and lo-

gician, left estate valued at £385,121 After various bequests he left the residue, including his literary estate, to Wolfson College, Oxford.

Mrs Margaret Martha Sangster. of West Kirby, Merseyside, left estate valued at £8,545,263 net.

Latest wills

Mr Tresham Edward David Green, of Edlesborough, Ruckinghamshire, left estate valued at £3.357,892 net.

Wing Commander James Stewart Higgias, of Cheltenham, a bomber pilot during the Second World War, left estate valued at EZ70.868 net.

Other estates include (net, before taxt:

Mr John Edward Bannford, of Merseyside £1,013,370 William George Barker. Μт Scorton, North Yorkshire..... _E1.204.707 Mr Daniel Foley, of Swindon, 5868,403. Wiltshire..... Mr Peter Anthony Fraser. ofEI,740,524. Ashford, Kent.....

Heswall, Merseyside, retired ships chandler £1,406,771. Margaret Maclean Jack, of London W11......E1.086.524 Mrs Maud Evelyn Sophie Jen-

kins, of Sevenoaks, Kent £608,259. Mrs Sheila Muriel Vance Lyon, of Chelmsford, Essex £787,325. Mr John William Overmass, of Poole. Dorset _____ £578,758. Mr Percy Edwin Quick, of Fromefield, Somerset, retired auc-

Mr Herbert Maurice Gass, of tioneer and estate agent .. £547,877. PERSONAL

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PRIVATE: 0171 481 4000 11662. 962:7 (REE) BIRTHS BRIGGS - On March 6th 1996, to Caroline (née Fox) and Simon, a son, Hugo Anthony, a brother for Lucy. BROOK SHANAHAN - On March 8th 1996, at Queen Charlotte's Houpital, to Saly (nie Wagstaff) and Kavan, a son Edward, a brother for Charles and Caupilla. COMBE-TERNANT - On March 4th 1996, to Sue (tife Stell) and Charles, a son, Toby Cherles, a brother for DOWLER - On March 6th, to Vanessa (née Trill) and Andrew. a daughter. Florence Sarah Heisma. a sister for James. BUALTIEM - On March 4th to Anna (née Howard) and Orazio, a son Joshua Jacopo Nicholas, a brother for Alberto.

DEATHS ARMYTAGE - Frances (nés Horstell) pancetelly in her sleep on March 6th aged 84 years. Mourmed by minty but especially Harry (Thu), John and Pern. Rosselland, Emily and Bill. Memorial Service at All Saints Church, Tollay. Sheffield on Monday March 18th at 2.30 jnt. No flowers by request. Donations in Hear for the Historical Association. Hunter Archeological Society or South Yorkshire Rose Society may be sent to Wood Funeral Service. 848 Ecciesul Rosd. Sheffield.

DEATHS BANWELL - Gerald Stuart, peacefully at home on 7th March 1996. Dearly loved husband of Gillan, father of Instand of Gillian, father of Charles, Rosemary and Lucy, and grandfather of Felicity and Campbell. Private funeral and cramation. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at 1.30pm at Great St Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth on Monday 18th March 1996. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Loukeenta Research at ponations, if desired, to Leukaemia Research at "Ward Cilo. Adderbrooke's Hospital" c/o Daniel Robinsons. 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, Herts. GOLDER - Sister Eizsbefth at St. Maur's Convent, Weylridge. on March 7th. suddenly but not mespechedly but not mespechedly but not st. St. Maur's Thursday March 14th at 4.45 pm. Funeral Mess Friday March 15th at 11 mm. JAMESON - Geomey John Eustace. peacefully on March 7th. Dearty loved father of Jonathan and grandfather of Jessie, William and Georgia. Family William and Georgia. Family function to be followed by Amerial to be followed by a Menorial Service in Loadon at a date to be amounced.

MACPHAIL - David peacefully on 7th March 1996, aged 86. A loving husband, father and grandfather. Service Chichester Cramatorium Thursday 14th March at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if destred, to the Friends of Chichester Cathedral c/c Edward White & Son. 5 South Pallant, Chichester (03243) 782136.

MORRELL - Alan on Monday ELL – Alan en Monda

March 4th died sudder peacefully at home family. Much loved by Kevin. Funeral at Eiti Crematorium Monday : March et 2 pm. No gov Gam.

PATTERSON - Arthur, CMG.

son of Alexander and
Margaret Patterson of
Ballast, died peaterbully agad

89 on March 7th. Private
Family funeral. cherished memories of a very dear husband and father. Died 11th March 1994.

DEATHS ROSS - Peacefully at The North Cambs Hospital, Wisbech. on Thursday March 7th 1996. Ronald William Tullis, dearest husband of Empheth (Lee), beloved dad of David. The and Lynn (deceased), a dearfather-in-law to Nicola. Marsha and Jim and much loved grandon to his nine grandchildren. Funeral Service to be held at St Peart Church, Wisbech, on Thursday March 14th 1996 at 12.30 pm. followed by interment at Mount Pleasent Cemsetry Family Howers only. Donations to Friends of Wisbech Hospital or Friends of Rowan Lodge may be made at the service or sent to W & W.G. West. 1 Love Lune. Wisbech. SACRE - James Kingdon on 6th March at home peacefully after a long battle with cancer. Treasured busband of Cuffile, father of Emms. Nichard, Christopan husband of Cathie, father of Emma, Richard, Curistopher and Claire and papa to Camilla. Funeral at St Cammad Church, Castelman, Burnes, on 18th March at 2pm. No flowers but donations may be sent to Sanders, High Street, SW1.3 in aid of Trinity Hospice. STOGDALE - On March 60

1996 auddenly but peacefully in his garden. Vivian David Davies Stogdale, much loved bushand of Doris and father of David Valerie and Anne. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Old Headington, Oxford, on Wednesday March 13th at 2pm, followers only plassa. Densitions it desired for The Worldwide Fund for Nature C/o Edward Carler (FD), 107 South Avenue, Abingdon, OX14 105. 0X14 1Q8. IN MEMORIAM -BEATTIE - Dr. Peter Henry

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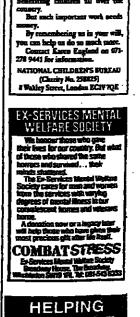
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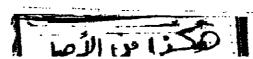
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George Burns, comedian, died on March 9 aged 100. He was born on January 20, 1896.

GEORGE BURNS became a living legend in showbusiness by outliving all the other legends of his generation. He was the last member of a freemasonry of comedians which included Al Jolson, the Marx Brothers, Eddie Cantor, Jack Benny and the comparatively youthful Danny Kaye. He found himself in and out of fashion, then in again. After a decade in the wilderness, he became a film star, at the age of 79, with his spirited performance as a grouchy old comic in The Sunshine Boys (1975). But he maintained that the cleverest thing he had ever done was to marry an Irish actress called Gracie Allen in 1926. By doing so, he not only embarked on one of Hollywood's happiest marriages but discovered the foil against which his particular comic talents could best shine.

As a humorous raconteur in later years. Burns held the stage every bit as effectively as his best friend Jack Benny had done. He built up an instantly recognisable image the snug grey toupée (butt of many jokes), the round glasses, the cigar which transmitted unspoken, often suggestive messages to the audience. He told his jokes in a relaxed, unforced way, not bullying the audience into a laugh, and letting a punchline fall flat occasionally if he wanted. As he grew older, he liked to make fun of his great age. If he were talking about golf, for example, where he once would have said "I just played 18 holes of golf", he would find another way to be funny: "As soon as I get to be 85 I'm going to give up golf. And skiine.`

His success came as a surprise to many people, not least Burns himself. in the early years of this century, he moved from theatre to theatre every week, never sure whether he was going to be second on the bill to groups of performing mules or seals. He lived in the sort of forlorn boarding houses often satirised in films of the 1930s, where half a dozen acts would sit around a long table discussing over the soup, in desultory fashion, the problems of being in showbusiness.

What was so refreshing about Burns as an older man was that he blatantly enjoyed his success. He had the knack of being both self-deprecating and pleased with himself at the same time. He laughed at his own jokes, and that laughter was catching. He enjoyed every moment of being a living monument to himself, and to the tradition of vaudeville.

George Burns was only the last in a series of early stage names under with the young Nathan Birnbaum performed: Willy Delight, Billy Pierce, Captain Betts, Jed Jackson, Jimmy Malone. He was born the ninth of 12 Russia in New York's poor Lower East Side. It was an extremely Judaic Orthodox home, and his father was a synagogue cantor, a painfully out-oftune one according to Burns's account. Burns himself was performing at eight, when he briefly joined the choir at the local Presbyterian church, the reason being that the church was

GEORGE BURNS



handing out free wristwatches to choir members.

The watch broke, and he reverted to the family faith. He and some friends then formed the Pee Wee Quartet and sang at the Hamilton Fish Park and on ferryboats. Sometimes they had to dive into the river to retrieve their casuallythrown earnings: "It got so I could sing only when I had water in my mouth." he recalled.

Stage performance did not come naturally to Burns. Unlike Groucho Marx, who was fearless and aggressive whomever he was talking to, Burns would stammer and stutter as a young man, and he worked hard at comedy. Gradually he learnt what made a joke work, in an almost craftsmanlike way. He put himself through the hard, traditional school of vaudeville, doing two performances a night and the odd matinee.

That was when he met Gracie Allen, a young Irish Catholic who was trying to make it as a serious actress. She was smitten, refused to take no for an answer, and ordered her to marry him. They became husband and wife in January 1926 (and thereafter called each other, at home, "Nattie" and "Google". They teamed up as a vaudeville act. Burns writing the script and Gracie acting as his "feed" on stage. But Burns soon discovered that it was his wife who was the funny one. She could make a group of scriptwriters who had stayed up all night -trying to think of a joke - laugh uproariously by just walking into the room and saying "Isn't that nice". On stage, the couple decided to switch roles, and it worked. Their format was

Burns: Isn't that boiling water you're putting in the refigerator?
Allen: Yes, I'm freezing it. Then whenever I want boiling water all I

relatively straightforward, with the

dizzy Gracie returning Burns's straight

ouestions:

have to do is defrost it Burns often had little to do but listen to her. His role was confined to a few dry, gruff asides, and a mordant gaze as he shared his incredulity with the audience. He started smoking on stage precisely because he needed something to do with his hands: "All I ever did was ask her about her brother, point my cigar and she was off." The public, like Burns, were enchanted by Gracie

The act quickly outgrew the stage. In 1932 Burns and Allen were given their own radio show, which remained on the air in America for 18 years (though it never did as well in Britain). They starred in films, such as the Fred Astaire-Joan Fontaine musical A Damsel in Distress (1937). And in 1950 this was followed by a television series, Burns and Allen, shown in Britain on Sunday afternoons. This ran until Gracie retired in 1958, an event which was considered sufficiently catastrophic to ment the cover of Life magazine.

Their act, however, only really came to an end with her death in 1964. George was heartbroken, and began what became virtually a daily vigil at her grave, where he would talk to his wife about the state of showbusiness. He promised her: "I've got my music with me in case they've got vaudeville up there. I'll be with you soon."

In fact, despite Burns's cavalier attitude to cigar-smoking and Martinis, his health remained stubbornly good, and he was far too energetic to contemplate retirement. He was forced, at the age of 70, to learn to perform again on his own. Many people wondered what would become of Burns withouth his vivacious wife. He was unacceptable to the public with new partners like Carol Channing on tour, and a situation comedy with Connie Stevens flopped. A lean decade followed, with Burns trying to develop his talents as a raconteur. He included in his act too many references to now long-dead friends in the entertainment business for many of the younger generation to find him funny.

What really turned his career around was the making of the film The Sunshine Boys. In 1974 Jack Benny who had been asked to make a film with Walter Matthau - died. The subject of the film was the relationship between two feuding vaudeville stars who come together for a television spot. Burns was asked to take his friend's place. He underplayed his role beautifully, and got an Oscar for best supporting actor. Throughout the filming, Burns had been unable to rid himself of the image of Benny. He and Benny had a unique relationship in an insecure, competitive business.

Several other films followed including Oh God, in which he was cast as the Almighty Himself ("I was too old to play His son"). There was an aptness to the apparently bizarre piece of casting. Kenneth Tynan had once said that, among all the actors he knew, only Ralph Richardson could play God. And Richardson had once described himself as "George Burns without the

Burns spent the last twenty years on the stand-up circuit, sailing effortlessly past his 90th and 95th birthdays, singing and telling jokes about Gracie and the old days of vaudeville, while never once lapsing into sentimentality. He wrote several biographies, and was promising to play Las Vegas at the time of the millennium. He had a pacemaker fitted and other operations. but was fit and sprightly until recently, and gave every impression of enjoying his extreme old age.

his success, he said: "You've got to love showbusiness. I always loved showbusiness. After all, what other business could I go into that made people laugh and gave me the chance to wear the same lipstick as Dolores Del Rio?" He is survived by his son and

daughter.

BRIGADIER B. C. BRADFORD

Brigadier B. C. (Bill) Bradford, DSO and Bar. MBE, MC, died on March 4 aged 83. He was born on October 15, 1912.

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BILL BRADFORD'S escape from the Germans in the Second World War reads like a Hollywood film script. A young Black Watch officer. captured with the rest of the 51st Highland Division at St Valery in 1940, he made his break for freedom while being marched off to a prison camp in Germany. He first headed towards Boulogne. But the Germans had issued an edict banning all refugees from approaching within 15 miles of the Channel coast, so he had to move back inland.

There then began a hairraising hike south through wartime France. Walking up to 30 miles a day, and swimming the Loire, he begged for shelter and food from lonely farms, posing as a Flemish Belgian to explain his accent. In one small town he stole someone's bicycle, rode round a street corner and to his dismay found himself overtaking a column of German troops. He pedalled slowly past, keeping his head down, until at the last moment his front tyre blew up with a bang. The soldiers all jeered and guffawed at the crestfallen Frenchman.

Twice he crossed the Pyrenees into Franco's Spain, only to be thrown back by border police. So he lay up in Marseilles, gathering intelligence while trying to set up an escape route. At last he stowed away on a ship going to North Africa. Arrested in Oran, he was kept for three days in an underground cell, 12 ft by 6 ft. which he shared with 23 other lice-ridden prisoners.

In the end he got away in a small boat, which he crewed with a Jewish Free Frenchman and a Communist. Neither of the other two could sail and Bradford had only previously done so on a lake. Nevertheless, they crossed the Mediterannean to Gibraltar, where Bradford landed a year

and a day after his escape.

Appointed MBE (mil) for this achievement, he went on to fight at El Alamein, winning the MC as Brigade Major of 154 Brigade. He then served as second-in-command of the 5th Battalion Black Desert and through Sicily. He and "Bill" by everyone else, sons and a daughter.



landed with the Americans on Omaha Beach on D-Day, as liaison officer to General Omar Bradley, but was then posted back to his old regiment in command of the 5th

Battalion. He won his first DSO in August 1944 at St Julien le Faucon, despite being wounded in the neck when a shell landed on his command post. He still had the shrapnel inside him when he died. His second was awarded after an operation on the west bank of the Rhine in the following February.

Born in London, Berenger Colbourne Bradford was the son of a lieutenant-colonel who had himself won the DSO in the First World War. His grandfather Sir Edward Bradford had fought in the Indian Mutiny before becoming Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police - responsible for policing Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee and her funeral and King Edward VII's Coronation. Another forebear was the brother of Jane Austen.

Bradford, who was always

went to Eton then Sandhurst before being commissioned into the Black Watch in 1934 and posted to India.

After the war he commanded a Welsh TA Parachute Battalion then later the 2nd Battalion Black Watch. His last command before retiring was that of 153 Highland Brigade at Dundee, 1957-59.

He retired to run the 3,000acre estate which his wife had inherited in Aberdeenshire. The estate had been devastated six years before by a hurricane and the rest of Bradford's life was spent restoring it. He planted well over a million trees.

In the late 1960s, however, he was found to have Parkinson's disease, and he thus began his last battle - a long drawn-out one against the illness.

A lean, erect, courteous man, with great charm, he was a good shot and a still better fisherman. He continued to shoot until into his late seventies and caught his last salmon at the age of 80.

He is survived by his wife Sue, whom he first met at an Ben" by his parents. Inverness hall, and by

AUDREY NICHOLSON

Audrey Nicholson, English teacher and friend to poets, died of kidney failure and bone marrow cancer on March l aged 71. She was born on July 15, 1924.

BLUNT, unmarried and matemai not even in manner. Audrey Nicholson became like a mother to contemporary poetry after she retired in 1982 from teaching English at Downshall and Mayfield schools in Essex, Berkeley High School, California, and, lastly, Erkenwald School in Dagenham. She was an exceptional teacher who got very good exam results for those she taught both in England and in the United States. She tork her pupils to the theatre and on cultural excursions in her own time - and often on her own money. But it was as the friend to a large group of poets' work that she will be most missed.

In person and in letters. written in her upward-rushing hand, with abbreviations such as LA, for "Love, Audrey", she rallied support for poetry readings and book launches and kept people informed of the triumphs of a famous poet or the need to send E5 to celebrate a poor one's birthday (the two were sometimes one).

She helped the smallest high-standard events, such as the Torriano Poets in Kentish Town, her light blue eyes friendly behind big spectacles, er red hair beginning to pale. She subscribed to poetry magazines and knew the staff of Acumen, Agenda, Ambit, Aquanus, PN Review, and bought sometimes 40 copies of a poetry book or pamphlet to give away. Yet she was not soft; she decided for herself what was right without any form of equivocation.

She also helped poets. She once gave Eddie Linden a coat. She gave the blind poet John Heath-Stubbs pullovers, escorted him to poetry occasions and typed his manuscripts and letters. John Heath-Stubbs dedicated a poem to her called All the fun of the fair, and Gavin Ewart wrote two about her. She was a close friend of Michael Hamburger and Anne Beresford and of Peter Porter. She tried to further the careers of Heather Buck, Jonathan Griffin, George Oppen and those of many unknown young poets.



The Nicholsons were from Ord, Isle of Oronsay, and Sleat on Skye. Her father became a miner in Yorkshire. Her mother's family were pure Yorkshire, and Audrey-

with two brothers (as well as four sisters) - was mad about cricket. Visiting her recently in hospital, the poet Marius Kociejowski tried to talk about poetry to her but she wanted

and the American writer Marvin Cohen started an annual August Bank Holiday cricket match held on Leytonstone Common near where Audrey lived in Teesdale Road. Writer-cricketers Allen Synge and Kociejowski became regulars. It was a ramshackle match of both sexes. Audrey in her whites hitting boundaries (gorse bush) past the waggling hands of other players who had never held a bat in their lives; but she tolerated them provided they, in turn, respected the occasion. After the game she gave a supper in her bedsit, everyone wedged in on borrowed chairs and her di-

only to hear the cricket scores.

In the 1970s she, Gavin Ewart

discussing literature. Gavin Ewart's death last October was one of Audrey's last efforts for poetry, as she helped his widow to organise the friends for the funeral. "Audrey is a saint," said poet George Wightman. She was beginning to be ill herself. She later refused chemotherapy and discharged herself from hospital, only to return later. Audrey Nicholson is sur-vived by four nephews and

van bed, eating a rice dish and

four nieces.

PROFESSOR J. C. BECKETT

James Camlin Beckett, Professor of Irish History, Queen's University of Belfast, 1958-75, died on February 12 aged 84. He was born on February 8, 1912.

JIM BECKETT belonged to a gifted generation of Ulster scholars who helped to revolutionise the study of Irish history, transforming it from political polemic to an aca-demic discipline.

He was born and bred in Belfast, the third son of Alfred Beckett, who worked in the linen business, and Frances Lucy Bushell. His mother was from Dublin, and he always maintained a healthy scepticism about the fashion of categorising the people of Ireland in "ethnic" terms. He was educated at the Royal Belfast Academical Institution and Queen's University, Belfast, where he went to read Eng-lish, but decided to take history instead.

He graduated with a first in 1934 and became a schoolmaster at the Belfast Royal Academy until 1945, when he was appointed lecturer at Queen's. He became Reader in 1952 and was awarded a personal chair in 1958. This was not only a recognition of his distinction, but an acknowledgement by Queen's that Irish history should be an essential part of its curriculum. He became a familiar figure around the city and university, about whose



campus he confidently strode with, for such a small man, a surprisingly long, lunging

Beckett's reading was as wide as it was deep, and he was master of the survey which, because of his learning, always had much to teach those whose specialisms were narrower. But his Short History of Ireland (1952). The Making of Modern Ireland (1965) and The Anglo-Irish Tradition (1976) were not textbooks. For Beckett's particular skill was his conceptual flair and his determination, as he himself put it, to ask "what Irish history was about". To this was added objectivity (but

not indifference), sympathy to human nature and beautifully crafted prose. He was a natural teacher: on one occasion a crowded undergraduate lecture theatre stood up spontaneously to

applaud him. He earned the trust and affection of students of diverse opinions, and he bore uncomplainingly a heavy burden of postgraduate supervision. But he once confessed that he had enjoyed most of all reading Shakespeare, in his days as a schoolteacher, round the class in the fourth form on a Thursday afternoon.

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Beckett was modest to the point of diffidence, but gained the recognition he deserved. with honorary doctorates from the University of Ulster and from Queen's and from the National University of Ireland. He was a fellowcommoner at Peterhouse, 1955-56, and lectured at universities in the United States. Canada, Australia and New Zealand. He belonged to the Church of Ireland, holding deep but unobtrusive religious beliefs. Beckett made a point of not moving with the times but he was more worldly-wise

than he let on.
The Ulster Troubles of the last 25 years caused him to break a lifetime's habit of avoiding comment on Irish politics, and his contributions were incisive and just. He once resolved either to marry or to learn to drive a car, but in the event did neither.

Appointments

The Rev Richard Atkinson, Team Rector, Shelfield Manor: to be Vicar, Rotherham (Sheffield). The Rev Stephen Bailey, Priest-incharge. St Michael, Betchworth and St Mary the Virgin. Buckland: to be Rector. St Michael.

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LORD RANDOLPH CHURCHILL AND HOME RULE

The following letter from Lord Randolph Churchill was read at a meeting of the East St. Pancras (Churchill) Habitation of the Prim-rose League, addressed by Mr. R. G. Webster, M.P., last night-

50, Grosvenor-square, March 9, 1893. My dear Mr. Webster and Friends. - I have much pleasure in complying with your request that I should offer a few words of counsel to the members of "The Churchill" Habitation of the Primrose League, who are to meet to-morrow In my opinion, the principal work of knights of the Primrose League should be concentrated on the enlightenment of the individual elector, who will before long have to take his part in deciding upon the great issue of the repeal or maintenance of the Parliamentary Union of Great Britain and Ireland, This work, of vital importance, if we are to expect the elector to give a true and just decision, can be performed effectively in more than one manner . . .

No one would be less likely than myself to attempt to raise, under ordinary circumstances, any political agitation on the cry of "No Popery." But in these critical times it is, I hold, your highest duty to realize the appalling

ON THIS DAY

March 11, 1893 **经**

The Primrose League was formed in 1883 in memory of Disraeli. Randolph Churchill, the father of Sir Winston, opposed Home Rule with the stogan "Ulster will fight; Ulster will be right". In September, the Second Home Rule Bill was defeated in the Lords

dangers which threaten seriously your fellow-Protestants concentrated mainly in Ulster and also scattered thickly in small communities in all parts of Ireland. For them, if a Parliament separate and independent" be established in Ireland, religious liberty, the inalienable birthright of the English Protestants, will be a thing of the past, inculcate and impress upon the electors the solemn truth of the old and forgotten maxim - Home Rule means Rome rule. All this part of the great work of awakening the mind of the elector is effectively performed by systematic interviews with individual voters. Conversational explanations are as

useful as public meetings and speeches ... No efforts of this kind will be wasted.

Secondly, Primrose knights can render excellent service by constantly exposing the guile and the wiles of the enemy. It must be remembered that the average elector ... has little if any leisure to study carefully the truth of what he hears on political matters, Of this characteristic, Radical politicians of every degree are keen to take the most unworthy and the meanest advantage. A bitter experience of previous elections has shown us that, for a wholesale diffusion of falsehoods and cal-umnies. for a possession of an infernal genius for beguiling people by trashy and deliberately lying promises, the lower classes of Radical nts . . . would outdo in malice and in lalseness the Prince of Darkness himself. Let every Primrose knight be ever on the watch for these foul blows aimed by the Repeal party alike at Protestants and Loyalists. Nail them to the political counter, bring the lie home to the original liar, by statements at public meetings

or by communications to the local Press . . . Trusting these words may be of some use to you, and wishing you with all sincerity the greatest attainable success in your righteous efforts. I have the honour to be, your obedient servant and faithful friend.

RANDOLPH S. CHURCHILL

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THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

New grammar school era sought

Every large town in England and Wales could have a new grammar school under plans being drawn up by the Prime Minister's policy unit. Parents, businessmen and community groups would be invited to club together to apply for government money to set up and run schools that selected pupils by academic ability. The new schools would have grantmaintained status and be free from local education authority

Thatcher in brush with IRA killer

Baroness Thatcher came within yards of a convicted IRA killer and police stood by as the man and a crowd of about 80 Irish-American demonstrators followed her car down the main street of Fulton, Missouri. The incident appeared to be a Pages I, 10, 17 serious security lapse ...

Carling quits

Will Carline announced that he was giving up the England captaincy for "rugby reasons" which had "nothing to do with my personal life"...... Pages I, 17, 23, 29

Labour rail rift

Labour was at odds over how Railtrack should be taken back into public ownership. Tony Blair is facing mounting pressure from the unions over how he will fulfil his pledge of restoring a "publicly owned, publicly accountable" Page I railway...

Dublin talks

David Trimble, the leader of the Ulster Unionists, will hold talks in Dublin tonight with John Bruton amid Unionist delight after the Taoiseach launched a stinging attack on the IRAPage 2

Victim wakes

A musician who spent two years in a coma after an apparent rail accident has regained consciousness to tell police that someone tried to kill himPage 3

Girl survives

A girl of 13 who was given a onein-a-hundred chance of survival after contracting meningitis will return to school... Page 3

£1m protest

The cost of policing the Newbury bypass protest passed El million. but clashes between tree dwellers and road builders showed no signs of abating....

Dole cut row

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, defended plans to dock benefits from work shy youngsters at the Scottish Labour Party conference...

Feathers ruffled

Wildlife groups are at odds over the protection given to birds of prey, once persecuted to nearextinction but now among the most cosseted creatures in

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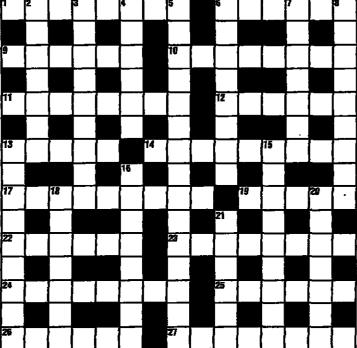
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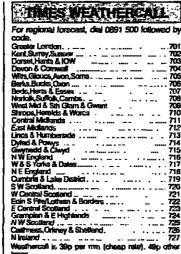
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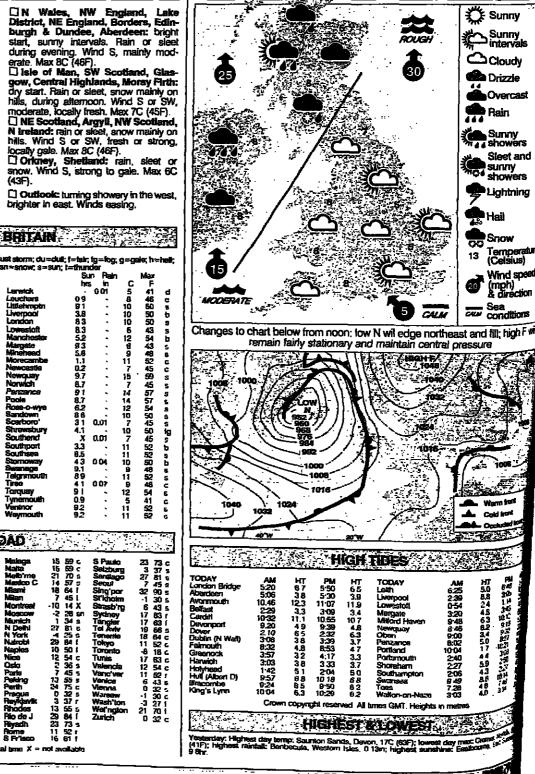
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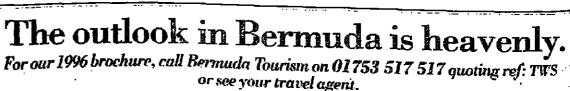
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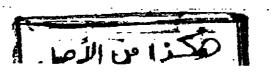


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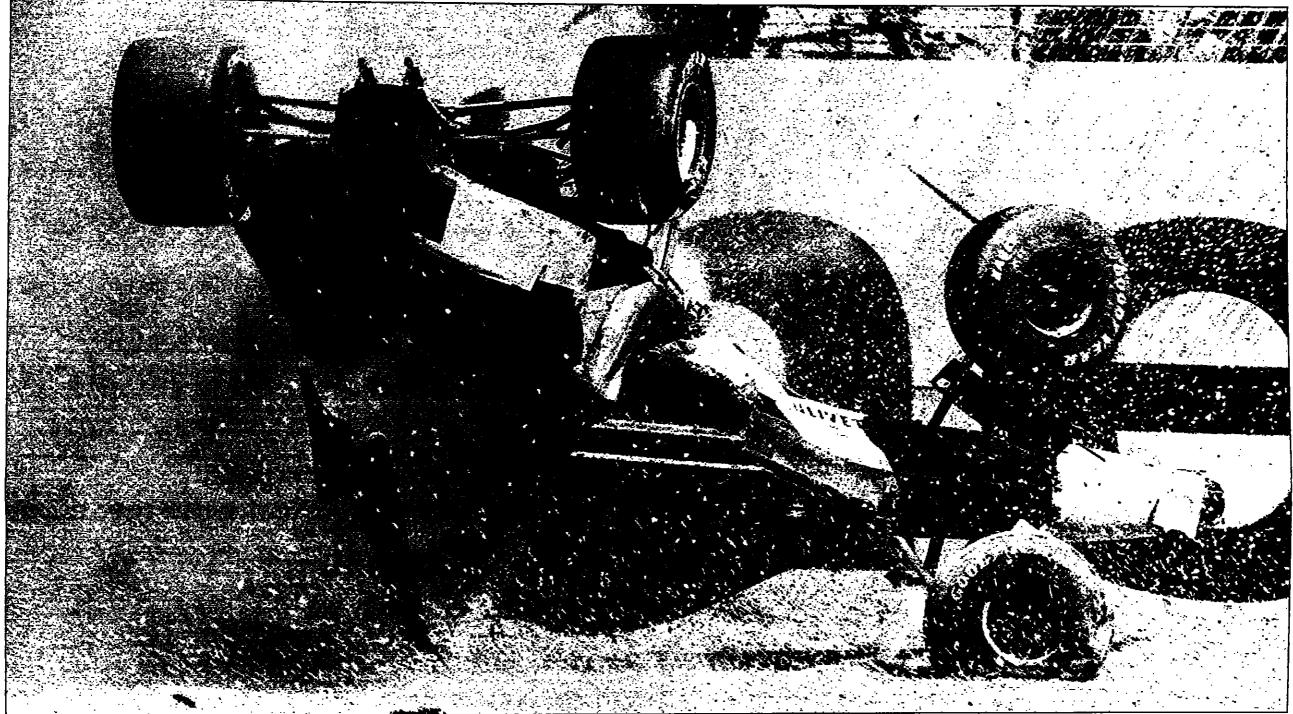
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BRITISH DRIVER CRASHES AT 185 MPH IN MELBOURNE - AND WALKS AWAY



Brundle's Jordan-Peugeot breaks in half after a 185mph collision in the Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne yesterday. Brundle walked away unhurt and re-entered the race. Photograph: Paul Crock

Brundle's escape astonishes crowd

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN MELBOURNE

MARTIN BRUNDLE, the British Formula One motor racing driver, escaped unhurt from a spectacular crash on the first lap of the Australian Grand Prix here yesterday and then astonished thousands of cheering spectators by sprinting back up the pitane and demanding to be allowed to re-enter the inter-

The accident happened seconds after the start of the opening race of the season. which was won by Damon Hill, in a Williams-Renault. Brundle was travelling at

185mph in his Jordan-Peugeot a car, ironically, at the centre of a safety row — when David Coulthard's McLaren-Mercedes was pushed into his path. Brundle ran into the back of Johnny Herbert's Sauber-Ford and took off. somersaulting over it. "It was like that scene out of Top Gun," Herbert said. "I looked up and I could see Martin in his cockpit looking down." His car ploughed upside

down into a gravel trap and barrel-rolled four times. "I thought he was dead," Coulthard said. But Brundle, 36, the oldest driver in the sport, persuaded doctors to let him re-enter the race in a spare car when it was stopped to allow wreckage to be cleared away. He crashed out. more mundanely this time, on

the second lap. "When I went up into the air," Brundle said, "I thought This is not good. That is the type of accident drivers fear most. You are out of control in the lap of the Gods."

Goalless tie leaves semi-final questions unanswered

Stalemate satisfies Leeds

Liverpool

By ROB HUGHES FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

LIKE George Burns, the FA Cup seems always to have been with us. Today, there is a void: Burns has given us the last laugh and the Cup lies dormant, for the first time in history. The semi-final draw does not have a single team that is qualified to play in it. Yesterday's blank scoreline

at Eliand Road between Leeds United and Liverpool, contrived by the tactics from first to last, happened to draw 15,000 below Leeds's capacity gate. That meant that the majority of the 24,632 who could afford the extortionate £24 ticket prices and could resist the live BBC television transmission have somehow found the means to try to support their team all the way to Wembley in a second Cup, just two weeks before they have to pay once again for the Coca-Cola Cup final, for which, surprise, surprise, there is an oversubscription of more than 10,000 desperate

people chasing tickets. There are players who could finish this quarter-final in the blink of an eye," John Barnes, the Liverpool captain, had forecast at lunchtime. Nobody blinked, nobody dared and, in a match that started tentative and ended tired, the fear of defeat smothered any anticipation of victory, or any ambition to be a

Howard Wilkinson, the

the fans. "Yeah, I said to them [the players] at half-time you've got to make this more entertaining," he said. "Go out and put in an own goal, then two of you lie down, let Liverpool go three up and

everyone can go home happy

saying they'd been enter

He puckered his lips and then, in more characteristic mode, spoke of the draining league and cup programme, the fact that it is only early March and his captain, Gary McAllister, had played all 16 cup-ties this season, plus league matches, plus internationals. Yet in truth, Leeds, the home team remember, had set out technically to negate the higher potential, smooth passing and rhythm with which

5-0 in the FA Carling Premier-ship game at Anfield. We went to Liverpool in January, had Gary Kelly sent off and got tonked 50 and everybody said we were rub-Wilkinson added. We've conceded no goals

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Wimbledon

Replay, Selhurst Park

Liverpool had trounced them

say we're still rubbish. That's how it happens sometimes. I was pleased with our disci-pline and our defending."

Wilkinson matched Liverpool's three centre-back planning, but, down the flanks, he used negative, defensive players and, in front of his backline, he deployed, first, Mark

Photograph _____ 24 Wimbledon's Cup upset ... 24 Tottenham pay penalty ... 25 Brazilians struggle

Ford to try to prevent the running and invention of McManaman and, when Ford had had enough, he deployed a substitute, Andy Gray, a winger, in exactly the same

How little we suspected that two of the early flourishes were to be highlights before the fear really gripped both teams. In the seventh minute, McAteer and Barnes created a flowing manoeuvre down the right and McManaman, slipping the leash of his close

marker, fired low across the FA CUP SEMI-FINAL DRAW

Leeds

Liverpool Replay, Anfield, Wed March 20 anchester United

wide. Then McAllister, inevitably, the core of any Leeds creativity, stretched elegantly away from Thomas, drove through the resistance of Wright and managed to work the ball to Worthington, whose shot was deflected towards James, the goalkeeper.

Liverpool's predatory for-wards were finding that the Leeds penalty area was surrounded by a no-go barrier. They were obliged to try to shoot from 30 yards and more: Collymore was first to get the message and twice his long shots, with right and left foot, were comfortably saved by Lukic

Fowler, who surely tomorrow will be chosen for the full England squad for the first time in his young career, always had that impish turn of speed, that aggressive determination to get into scoring positions, and yet, partly because the service, from McAteer in particular, was so feebly inept, he too, had to try his best from a distance. When Lukic did not fend off the shots, Fowler's direction was a

foot wide. The onus should have been on Leeds, on Yeboah especially, since the long ball to him was their main instinct. He did, midway through the first half, attempt one of his spectacular overhead kicks; the ball brushed off the body of Scales to Worthington and he, the replacement left back for the injured Dorigo, found the angle too acute, his attempted shot being cleared by Babb, but anyway heading behind

ters worse, Dermot Gallagher, such a fine referee in Dortmund last Wednesday, was seeing no evil. Five times, tackles came in from behind, two of them by Yeboah on McManaman. The fouls were given, but the cards remained pocket, until Palmer gave him no option but to caution him crudely bringing his studs down on the shin of Barnes. Not surprisingly, Barnes did not see out the

Neither did Brolin. Where was he, this Swedish pimpernel, whose effervescence had been so marvellous at the last European championship and right up to the 1994 World Cup semi-final? He was struggling to find the space, or the pace, of English cup fare.

In consequence, defenders such as Wright and Radebe were comfortably in command, though when Radebe went down near the halfway line and the stretcher momentarily came out, Wilkinson observed: "I thought he had a terrific game, but when he went down, I feared the worst. He went down as if somebody had shot him, on the exact spot where he suffered cruciate ligament damage last year and lost 11 months of his career. Fortunately, it was

only a stud in his thigh." LEEDS LINITED (3-5-2): J Lukic — I Radebe, D Wesherall, P Beesley — G Kelly C Patrner, M Fort, (auth: A Gray, 89min), C McAllisser, N Worthington — A Yeboeh, Brolini (sub: 8 Deane, 76) LIVERPOOL (3-4-1-2): D James — M Wright, J Scales, P Selbb — J McAlaer, M Thomas, J Barnes, (sub. J Rectionapp, 84), R Jones — S McManaman — S Collymore,

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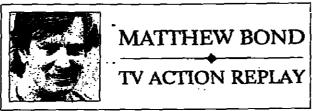
Heart in mouth before Murray's mouthful

Yor ten awful seconds, it seemed certain that I had got up in the middle of the night to watch a man die live on television. From David Coulthard's McLaren slewing unexpectedly to the right, to the almost unrecognisable mess of taneled metal that came to rest in the neatly-raked gravel trap, the Channel 9 cameras captured every detail of Martin Brundle's departure, both from the Australian Grand Prix and very probably from

Then, before the cameras could be turned away in case they caught sight of something horrid, a strange thing hap-pened. A brave steward rushed over (presumably expecting to find the driver in clambered out of the wreckage and went sprinting back to the pits to get the spare car. "Miracle of miracles," Murray Walker said. Just for once, he

And I mean just for once. With the race re-started, Walker was back to his eccentric and inaccurate best. Footwork-Harts became Footwork-Fords, split times became multiple choice and as for the laps remaining, that was anybody's guess. "Lap nine. 47 to go," Walker shout-ed. "Fifty laps to go," the Tag Heuer caption announced. It was ever thus - but it will not be thus for much longer.

The real reasons we had got up in the middle of the night were two-fold. The first was to see if Damon Hill would win (well, it was in my house) and the second was to begin the long goodbye to Walker, not so



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the scope of television cam-

eras". With most cars carrying

the name of one brand or

another, that looked to be the

black flag. But there is a

crucial exception for acquired

programmes, where coverage

of sporting events "may devi-

ate from the code where this is

unavoidable". Wheezy sighs of

Just as the BBC and indeed

Eurosport, its satellite rival,

effectively buys in each foreign

relief all round.

much the voice of motor racing as its high-pitched scream. The BBC's contract to cover Formula One expires at the end of this season. Next year, it will be on ITV, a switch that is expected to herald Walker's

With 12 months to go, the only progress TTV has made since announcing its £75 million contract is on the potentially deal-wrecking question of tobacco sponsorship. Independent Television Commis-sion rules forbid the display of

caster, so will ITV. How they get round the code for the British Grand Prix, when ITV will be the host proadcaster, is just one of the things that a yetto-be appointed production company will have to

Whoever ITV eventually appoints as commentators, it is likely, but not yet certain, that Eurosport will continue to provide an alternative. Its contract for pan-European satellite rights to Formula One also expires at the end of this season and is currently being renegotiated. The fact that its principal shareholder, the French channel, TFI, has recently agreed a multi-million franc contract for the terrestrial rights in France is expected to ease the negotiating process. Yesterday, neither commen-

form (both took an awful lot of laps to realise that the Wilstrategy) but their shortcomings were as nothing com-pared to those of the Australian director, who after sticking doggedly with the Villeneuve-Hill-Schumacher procession for the first third of the race got horribly diverted. The carneras were superbly positioned, but the choice of shots was curious. With the scrap between Hill and Villeneuve at its fiercest, we spent an entire stop — all 63 seconds of it — with Schumacher in the pits. He may be the world champion, but as Walker so eloquently put it, it was Hill that was going to pick up the Don't know about you, but I

SPORT IN BRIEF

Tideway ban shocks Imperial College

A SUCCESSFUL day for the rowing club of Imperial College. London, on Saturday was ruined when it became clear the club is likely to be banned from competing in the Head of the River race on March 30. The college, which matched Cambridge University over two set-piece rows on the Tideway, is accused of naming an ineligible oarsman for the Head of the River, in which its leading crew was due to start third, hoping to go top to celebrate the liftieth anniversary of its first and only win.

A spokesman for the organisers said: "I cannot see the

possibility of Imperial College crews competing in the event at the moment. I feel wretched about it." The organising committee found irregularities in status points in one of the seven college crews and has suggested that the total entry be withdrawn. Steve Ellis, the college's chief coach, admitted a mistake had been made but contended: "The punishment of putting a blanket curse on the club does not fit the crime."

Collins at the ready

BOXING: Steve Collins, the World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight champion, says he is ready to take on his World Boxing Council counterpart. Thulane Malinga, of South Africa, in a unification contest. Malinga issued the challenge after Collins stopped Neville Brown in the eleventh round at Millstreet, Co Cork, on Salurday, and the Dublin man said he would not shirk it.

"I'm ready to take on Malinga or Nigel Benn — whoever comes up with the right money, that's the fight I'll take," Collins said. "Malinga has cost me a fortune by beating Nigel. He's wrecked my pension plan." Malinga sat alongside Collins at the press conference afterwards. The Dubliner had worn down Brown in a pulsating encounter. being made to work hard despite flooring his opponent in the first and second rounds.

Henman impresses

TENNIS: Tim Henman. right, the 21-year-old Oxford player, who is fast climbing the world ranking list, put up a gallant performance before going down 6-7, 3-6 to Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the world No 8 from Russia, in the semi-finals of the ATP indoor tournament in Rotterdam. In the final, Kafelnikov was beaten 6-1. 3-6, 6-3 by Goran Ivanisevic. who served 18 aces during



Belles are beaten

FOOTBALL: Wembley won the women's League Cup final against Doncaster Belles at Barnet — the first national cup victory in their 21-year history. The match was decided by a penalty shoot-out, which Wembley won 5-3. The score was 2-2 after 90 minutes. Wembley equalising in the fifth minute of injury time when Naz Ball was brought down in the area and Ayala Liran converted the penalty. There was no further scoring in extra time before, in the shoot-out. Wembley scored all five of their penalties, while Sarah Begg missed hers for the Belles.

Newton rises to occasion

CYCLING: Chris Newton, the amateur national track champion from Middlesbrough, won £10,000 as runner-up in the ten-day Tour of Langkawi, Malaysia, yesterday and picked up a last-day bonus of £1,500 as the race's champion climber. The final stage of 67km on the holiday resort island of Langkawi was the climax to one of the most successful forays recorded by a British team in recent years. Newton was the last of three in the national squad to lead the race overall, but, for the last seven days, he had ridden in the shadow of the winner, Damian McDonald, of Australia.

Seizinger loses track

SKIING: Katja Seizinger, right, of Germany. the new overall World Cup champion, skied out in the first leg of the season's closing event, a slalom race in Lillehammer, Norway, yesterday. "It's okay, it's just a

slalom." Seizinger, who has posted wins in every discipline but the slalom, said. "I iust wanted to carry on until the very last race. The event was won by Karin Roten, of Switzerland.



Gooding recovers

REAL TENNIS: Mike Gooding, the Hatfield House professional, finished level at two sets all on the first day of his world championship final eliminator in Melbourne against the former world champion, Wayne Davies, yesterday. Gooding, the only British challenger for Robert Fahey's world title, recovered after losing the first set of the best-of-13-set match 6-4 and came back again to go into the second day on level terms.

Clewlow earns draw

HOCKEY: A 36th-minute goal by Melanie Clewlow, the Canterbury midfield player, secured a 1-1 draw for England against Ireland at the UCD Belfield ground in Dublin yesterday. Clewlow, playing in only her second international, hit a powerful shot from the edge of the circle after Kathryn James's effort had been parried by the goalkeeper. Ireland had taken the lead in the sixteenth minute when Sarah Kelleher scored from a penalty corner.

SNOW REPORTS

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Villeneuve sees victory on Formula One debut snatched by team-mate

Hill tracks down his grand prix heritage

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN MELBOURNE

THE sound of distant voices echoed from the still life ranged on top of a workbench in the Williams-Renault ga-rage here last night. The white ring of oars that was Graham Hill's symbol was almost obscured on his son's racing helmet, caked in oil and dirt, testimony to a grim pursuit. On the day Damon Hill snatched victory in the Australian Grand Prix and equalled the number of victories achieved by his father, determination bred in the bone brought him the prize.

For most of the weekend, Hill had played the support act to his new team-mate, Jacques Villeneuve. He was second on the grid when Villeneuve was in pole position, he was second to the first corner when Villeneuve was first and, when the Canadian debutant's car started spewing oil midway through the race, it spattered Hill's helmet and visor so liberally that he could hardly see as he tracked him lap after lap after

He chased him and he chased him and he never gave un. Just when Villeneuve was almost within sight of the chequered flag, when he must have thought he had frustrated his relentless pursuer and was readying himself to enter the record books as the first driver since Giancarlo Bag-hetti in 1961 to win on his grand prix debut, his car's steady loss of oil forced him to slow down and Hill was past him in a flash. "The win was there," Villeneuve said, "but second in my first race is not

The romantics who had come to anoint the son of Gilles Villeneuve cursed his luck as he limped to the finish in second place, more than 38

seconds adrift. In his first four competitive days in a Williams-Renault, the reigning IndyCar champion and last year's winner of the Indianapolis 500 had established himself as a genuine contender for this year's championship and won the admiration of all who crossed his path.

His misfortune, however, should not be allowed to obscure Hill's achievement. He stuck to Villeneuve like glue, forced him into two errors midway through the race and was in a position to launch a final assault had the need arisen and had it been considered politic to risk an accident with his team-mate and ruin a Williams-Renault one-two. The rest of the field, sadly,

were simply not in the same league. Eddie Irvine, in his Ferrari, was third, more than a minute behind: his teammate, the double world champion, Michael Schumacher. the victim of brake problems, was forced into what may be the first of a series of early retirements on the 32nd lap and Jean Alesi, in his Benetton-Renault, betrayed alarming signs of continuing impetuosity by trying a hopelessly optimistic overtaking manoeuvre on Irvine after nine laps, tearing off one side of his car.

On yesterday's evidence, at least, with Benetton strug-gling without Schumacher, it seems that Hill and Villeneuve may find themselves embroiled in a season-long twohorse race for the title and although Hill admitted it was very, very special" to equal his father's total of 14 wins, he attached greater significance to opening up an early lead in the drivers' championship. "It is a great thing to match



Hill, left, consoles Villeneuve, his Williams-Renault team-mate, after their tussle in the Australian Grand Prix

my father's record," Hill said. I am not sure what to make of it, but when they draw up the lists of grand prix winners now. I will be level with him and that will be nice. Now, I have just got to try to match his two world championships.

"The most important thing was the win. It is a long time since I was leading the world championship and I feel on top of the world. I don't think there is going to be anything given away between Jacques and I this season. He has shown he is a racer. We had a good race, a thriller. I was just keeping gentle pressure on him throughout the race and if that had not worked, I would have tried a bit more."

Villeneuve, who on Saturday had become only the fourth driver in grand prix history to claim pole position them, but when the German for his first race, got away to a fine start but was forced to repeat the feat when a restart was required after Martin Brundle's spectacular first lap somersault.

Villeneuve, Hill and Schumacher hurtled through the first third of the race with barely two seconds separating

made his first pit stop after 20 laps and both Williams stayed out, it became apparent he had been travelling with a lighter fuel load. From then on. Schumacher was never in

Hill appeared to have grabbed a crucial advantage when he emerged from his

DETAILS FROM MELBOURNE

RESULT: 1, D HW (GB) Williams Renaut, 1hr 33min 50.49/sec; 2, J Villerauve (Can) Williams Renautt, 1:33:28.511; 3, E Irvine (GB) Ferrari, 1:33:28.511; 3, E Irvine (GB) Ferrari, 1:33:53.062, 4, G Berger (Austria) Benetton Renautt, 1:34:07.528; 5, M Haldkinen (Fin) McLaren Mercades, 1:34:25.562; 6, M Selo (Fin) Tyrrell Yarmaha, 1:33:03.181; 7, O Panis (Fr) Ligier Mugen-Honda, 1:33:14.468, 8, H-H Frentzen (Ger) Sauber Ford, 1:33:29.438; 9, R Rosset (Br) Fookwork Hart, 1:33:21.623; 10, P Oint: (Br) Ligier Mugen-Honda, 1:36:298, 11, U Katayama (Japan) Tyrrell Yarnaha,

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CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS: Drivers: Hill 10pts; Villaneuve 6; Irvine 4; Benger 3; Heiddene 2; Saio 1. Constructors: Williams 18pts; Ferran 4; Benetion 3, McLaren 2, Tyrrell 1.

Simon dominates during golden age

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN DORTMUND

53 the oldest competitor at the Dortmund International Show, brought the Westfalenhallen audience to its feet when he and the nine-year-old Hanoverian, ET, won the Volvo World Cup showjumping qualifier on Sat-urday after a breathtaking round against the clock.

John Whitaker, on Welham, the only Briton to reach the jump-off, finished in eleventh place on four faults and now looks poised for a place in the World Cup final in Geneva next month. He has moved up to joint-sixteenth place in the Western European League, from which the leading 19 qualify, Eddie Macken, of Ireland,

was the first to jump clear in less than 40 seconds when he and Miss FAN went into the lead in a time of 38.88sec. Roger-Yves Bost, of France, promptly took 0.28sec off his time on his Olympic contender, Souviens Toi.

The world champion, Franke Sloothaak, from Germany, then raised the temperature when he and Weihaiwei went into the lead with a devastating performance, finishing in 37.91sec, but that simply gave Simon, the last to go, the type of

HUGO SIMON, of Austria, at challenge he relishes. Simon, who first won in this arena in 1979 — the year he won the inaugural World Cup - set off round the eight-fence course as if his life depended on it. He finished 1.79sec ahead of Sloothaak to a prolonged standing ovation.

Simon, who now heads the Western European League, could not speak highly enough of ET, whom he hopes to ride at the Olympic Games in Atlanta. "The faster he goes, the higher he jumps." he said after his winning round. "He's out of this world."

James Fisher, one of the two other Britons in the class. incurred four faults on Bowriver Queen for the fourth successive occasion in a qualifier. Geoff Billington retired Solitaire after a refusal. Britons were again out of

luck yesterday in the Grand Prix. the closing event of the show, which was won convincingly by Rodrigo Pessoa, of Brazil, on Loro Piana Rose Garden. Peter Charles, of Ireland, on Beneton, took second place. Whitaker narrowly failed to reach the jump-off when Welham touched the penultimate fence, incurring

Results, page 30 | Steve James.

White and Wattana out of sorts

WHEN the leading snooker players ventured to the Far East for the Thailand Classic in September to begin the 1995-96 ranking tournament campaign, few could have imagined that, with only three counting events left this season, Jimmy White and James Wattana would both be in danger of relegation from the top I6 (Phil Yates writes).

Of the two, White is undoubtedly in deepest trouble. Having been eliminated in the first round of the International Open and European Open in recent weeks, he has fallen to eighteenth in the latest provisional standings and his unbroken 14-year inclusion in the top 16 is clearly in jeopardy. The pressure mounts with each early exit and White's cause is not aided by a tough first match in the Thailand Open, which begins today. He faces Jamie Burnett, 20, from Scotland, who, in qualifying for this event in January, beat Mark Williams, the Regal Weish Open champion.

to fourteenth on the provisional list this season and his immediate objective, rather than winning this tournament for the third year in succession, will merely be to survive his opening match against

St Helens play it safe to achieve twin ambition

Widnes14 BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

ST HELENS applied the selfrestraint felt necessary on Saturday in order not to jeopardise a long-awaited return to Wembley in rugby league's Silk Cut Challenge Cup final, on April 27.

On Wembley's broad pasture, the temptation will be to remove the balls and chains attached to their speedsters in the first semi-final at Wigan. As effective as St Helens's footslogging was in grinding down admirable Widnes resistance, Leeds or Bradford are less likely to yield to the same approach.

It was still an important win for St Helens, who have played prentily in previous semi-finals and lost. A Wiganfree Challenge Cup was too good an opportunity to throw away on attacking whims. Shaun McRae, St Helens's new Australian coach, is applying expedient principles to a side fed up of gallant failure. "I think it proved that defence can win ball games and not scoring 40 or 50 points,

McRae said. A couple of the greyhounds. Sullivan and Hunte, slipped Hunte immediately scored at

and Newlove will rarely contribute so much and fail to score, but it was noses to the grindstone for the backs and the pack.

A victory dug out against belligerent first division opposition had its worrying moments, except there always seemed sufficient fuel in the St Helens tank. There is no substitute for playing regular-ly at the speed top-flight sides do. There are two standards professionally and it's very difficult to raise your pace to that at which they're used to playing." David Hulme, the veteran Widnes half back,

The gulf between the top and second echelons can only widen in the elitist Super League era, but, on their form in the Challenge Cup and the recent centerary season. Widnes and Salford, the conquerers of Wigan, can approach the forthcoming battle for the one promotion place

in good heart.
Although they can out of steam. Widnes never stopped competing. Who knows what fate might have had in store if a dubious forward pass decision had not ruled out a 28thminute try by Devereux? They would have led 8-6. Instead,

breathed more easily. Only at the beginning and very end of an absorbing contest were St Helens deci-

only pit-stop just in front of the

Canadian, who had stopped

two laps earlier, but Ville-

neuve overtook him immed-

iately. When the Englishman

pressured him into making a

mistake that sent him skim-

ming over a kerb and on to the

grass, but did not press home

the advantage, it seemed his

chance might have gone. Then

Villeneuve's failing oil pres-

When they got back to the pits, Hill hugged Villeneuve

and Schumacher turned up to

offer his congratulations to

Irvine before he had even taken off his helmet. When

they asked the Ulsterman

afterwards what his team-

mate had said to him, Irvine

got the last laugh. "I don't know," he said. "I couldn't

sure intervened.

sively on top. Between Sullivan's opening try and Northey's victorious late charge to the line, the opposition forwards imposed themselves for long periods. McCurrie, who is joining the Australian Rugby League, will be sorely missed by Widnes. His authority was immense, as were the tireless displays of the Hulme brothers, Hansen and Gartland.

The problem was that their

tries by Spruce, Devereux and

David Hulme each came in reply to points by St Helens. One statistic of 41 tackles in the second row by Joynt, reduced almost to crawling pace by the finish, summed up a triumph for St Helens of pragmatism rather than panache, for which, rightly, no apologies were offered.

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As one England captain confronts World Cup failure, another ends a glorious chapter

Take a seat, Michael, and see Les Misérables

Michael Henderson pens an open letter to an old friend.

imploring him to smile again

It has been said that indignation is the highest form of love, so please do not be offended by the tone of this letter. Many people are indignant about England's miserable display in this World Cup and, now that your involvement is over, it is surely permissible to offer some thoughts.

You will not disagree that it was miserable, though you may be alarmed that few cricket-lovers, in England or

Leading article England humiliated Spin doctor

anywhere, were surprised by your team's woeful performance. Well, being on stage and sitting in the audience have always yielded different views and you are not always the most flexible of men. I would urge you to take a seat in the stalls for a while; you might well get a different picture.

When we last met in London shortly before England left for Pakistan, I gave you a postcard I had brought back from Boston. It was an early Rembrandt painting and I told you: "Look at this for a month, it will be a lot better than looking at the England card." We had a jolly good laugh about it.

Nobody is laughing now, except at the incompetence of England's cricket, for which you, as captain, cannot avoid responsibility. You are not on your own, of course, but the side and the cricket played

under his leadership is a sort of testimony. So what impression does your team convey?

First, it is soulless and utterly anonymous. There is hardly anybody in it that one could engage for a convivial evening (how on earth do you manage?). It must be heart-breaking to spend your social hours with the kind of man who said, without apparent irony: "I hope I finish this book. I've never read one before."

Secondly, it is indisciplined. Fielding is usually a reliable barometer of a team's wellbeing and this is the worst fielding side in living memory, composed of players who belong to the only truly professional domestic game in the world. The behaviour beyond the boundary is pretty

Lastly, it is sullen, to the point that fair-minded people resent the fact that it represents England. Players of no obvious talent strut about as if they were masters of the game. Those who can play a bit show either too little delight or too much.

What on earth is Dominic Cork up to, charging down the pitch after every wicket like a village lout? This isn't "aggression", it's infantilism. A good start would be to re-

examine your own position, assuming you want to carry on. More than anybody, you are responsible for presenting the game's image to a wider public and, though you do not care much for image, that is not an ignoble cause. People see the game through you, as the most visible symbol of a

long tradition. You turn 28 next week and



While Atherton must face up to his team's poor showing, Carling can look back on an era of rich success

that is far too young to become a sourpuss. Privately you are excellent company, interested in people and curious about things outside cricket. Why not show something of that personality when you are asked to speak on radio, or appear on television. You are the captain of England, for goodness sake.

Your conduct in Faisalabad on Saturday had no mark of grace. Jayasuriya played an innings that was brilliant by any reckoning, yet you chose not to applaud him from the field. It doesn't cost a thing to observe the niceties of the game and, if you think that is being soft, then the game still has much to teach you. You read History at Cam-

bridge, so you will be familiar with the observation about the Bourbons, who never forgot anything and never learnt anything. It is time you learnt from your own experiences that waging a private

war does not make edifying public viewing. All right, you have been done down by newspapers in the past and there are journalists you would willingly run over in a fast car. Ignore them. Better by far to crack on and speak to people above their heads.

It may be that you are poorly advised, though that is doubtful. Jon Holmes, who looks after Will Carling, is also your agent and enjoys a good reputation. He also knows, from his dealings with Gary Lineker and David Gower, how to bathe sportsmen in the flattering light of public acclaim.

Have a look at that card again. You'll see a painter looking at a canvas which is blank. Our eyes are on the artist, wondering how he is going to fill it. Our eyes are now on you, wondering how you will transfer something of your private warmth into your difficult, very public job.

Time to calculate the national debt to Carling



Rob Andrew pays tribute to the energy and devotion to duty of his former England team-mate

To one should underestimate what Will Carling has done as captain of the England rugby team for the past eight sea sons. It has been a period of unprecedented success, at a time when the game has undergone fundamental change and established a popularity far beyond its standing when he was appointed in 1988.

There has been criticism this season of England's playing style. Last year, it was a huge disappointment - for nobody more than the players - that England did not fare better in the World Cup. That, however, is for people with short memories. For a valid comparison, you must go back to the situation that existed before 1988, when England's stock was very

Wherever you go nowa-days, you find youngsters eager to meet the top players, to discover more about the game. That is entirely due to England's success under Carling's leadership. He has been at the forefront during this era of change, on and off the field, and I do not believe anyone could have done

When England returned home from the World Cup. several of the senior players sat down and decided whether we should continue our international careers. People like me, Brian Moore, Dean Richards and Carling decided we should do so, before other events that we could not have forecast intervened.

Carling's decision to stand back from the captaincy now is, I believe, right for him and for England and I am by no means surprised. His style has altered over the years as he has matured as a person; after all, he was only 22 when he was appointed by Geoff Cooke and by the time we reach 30, most of us have

changed. He has taken charge of different England sides with differing levels of experience but came to enjoy a job that was thrust upon him quite unexpectedly. Indeed, the captaincy has become very much a part of his entire persona.

It is very hard work, especially as the eyes of the world have become concentrated upon him and upon English rugby in an age when the other national sporting teams have lacked consistent suc-

His greatest strength has been his ability to draw out what others have to give, the organisation he has offered off the field. On the field, he depended - particularly as a young man - on his senior lieutenants and that dependance will remain, whoever follows him.

Carling had the ability to oversee change on the field, but once a game has begun, there is only so much influence a captain can wield. Even in the tightest of corners, however, when players around him were becoming frustrated, Carling seldom lost composure, even though he must have been seething inside sometimes.

Now he probably needs a change of atmosphere, which may well leave him a more relaxed player and individual. Very few people can appreciate the pressure on the captain of a national team; Carling has suffered from it and he will sympathise with what Mike Atherton is facing.

He has played well this season; he may well play even better over the next two years, which could decide whether he will keep going until the 1999 World Cup. That is in the future; for the present, England should be grateful for the devotion and energy that Carling has given to the game for so long a period.

Olazábal injury worries steal Hedblom's thunder

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT, IN RABAT

THE withdrawal by José Ma-ria Olazábal from the Desert Classic in Dubai this week overshadowed the victory yesterday afternoon of Peter Hedblom in the Moroccan Open. Olazábal, the 1994 Masters champion, is showing little sign of recovering from the chronic arthritis in his right foot that limited him to seven events in Europe in 1995 and caused him to withdraw

from the Ryder Cup team.

The arthritis is threatening the career of the Spaniard, who was 30 last February. The pain does not prevent him from walking or playing golf, but it stops him from playing golf on consecutive days. He is doubtful now for the Players Championship at Jacksonville, Florida, at the end of the month and also for the Mas-ters two weeks after that.

That Olazabal's non-appearance should be more important than Hedblom's maiden victory is an indication of the hitherto low standing in European golf of the 26year-old Swede and the significance of the Moroccan Open in the grand scheme of things. Almost every day, rain dampened the atmosphere at the Royal Dar Es-Salaam course five miles from here and much of the excitement went out of the tournament when Severiano Ballesteros, competing in his first event

after a six-month lay-off, spectacularly missed the cut on

What excitement remained was diminished when it became clear that Hedblom was going to record his first victory on the PGA European Tour after leading from start to finish and without coming under any real challenge. Hedblom led by one stroke after 18 holes, by four after 36 and 54 holes. At no time in his last round was he less than two strokes ahead until his last putt on the 72nd green. His round of 72 gave him a total of 281, seven under par, and a victory worth almost £60,000.

The challenge to Hedblom needed to come early on and. for a while, it looked as though



Olazábal: arthritis

Ian Woosnam would make it. However, after getting to three under par with six holes remaining. Woosnam faltered. He was struggling with a head cold and a 70 represent-ed a good round for someone

who has not played for almost a month. Santiago Luna, who had closed to three strokes behind Hedblom midway through his front nine, also faltered. Eduardo Romero birdied the last for a round of 69 to finish second, one stroke behind Hedblom, and Wayne Westner tied with Luna for third, two strokes behind, after a round of 68. Hedblom finally closed the

door on his pursuers on the 17th, a long par three with water on the left waiting for anyone inclined to hook the ball. Hedblom was 30 yards from the flag after his tee-shot with a four-iron and three putts looked a real possibility especially for a man who was feeling the pressure and, in addition, uses a longhandled putter.

This time, though, Hedblom struck an almost perfect blow with his 38-inch putter and the ball rolled across the wet green to within inches of the hole. This is what I have been practising all my life for," he said. "It feels so

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Samuels sets up Storm of protest

By Nicholas Harling

FROM about four feet inside his opponents' half, Kurt Samuels launched one of the longest — and certainly the most contentious - shots of the basketball season late in Derby Storm's Budweiser League fixture at Worthing Bears. The last of his team's 11 three-pointers in a match of 16 altogether, it described a perfect parabolic curve before bouncing in off the backboard to start the arguments

Did Samuels's shot beat the buzzer? "Yes," the Storm in-sisted. "No," the Bears protested with equal certainty. knowing how much a win would raise their sagging hopes of a fourth successive

play-off title.

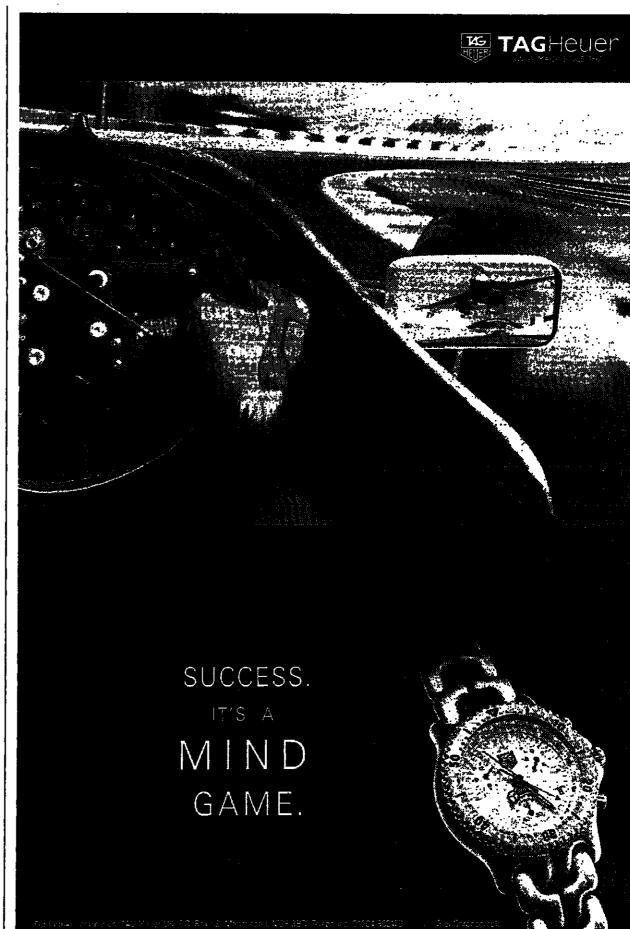
For a few moments, it looked as though the decision had gone their way. Receiving the wrong message from the table officials. Colin Irish, their player-coach, hugged Steve Nelson, whose threepointer four seconds from time had put the Bears 87-85 ahead. John Leahy had then transferred the ball to Samuels, who, showing rare accuracy, gave Derby their dramatic 88-87 victory.

Taking a glimpse at the clock, Samuels was convinced there were still two seconds left when he let fly. "I couldn't even believe Worthing questioned it," he said. Irish was not so certain.

Pointing a finger at the refer-ee, he said: "That's Trevor Pountain for you. That was the second 50-50 decision in the game and maybe it's a coincidence that we got neither of them."

Pountain and Colin Fairburn, the umpire, had sought the final verdict from Mike Pollock, the commissioner who, after consulting the timekeeper, ruled in Derby's favour. There was rather less dra-

ma on show in the other game on Saturday. After Friday's 101-81 win at Manchester Giants, the Birmingham Bullets trounced Newcastle Comets 107-77 with the help of 33 Scores, page 30 points from Tony Dorsey.



· Campbell plans emotional rescue

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA 202, 14 under par, three shots

TIM HERRON and Michael Campbell, two young men yet to win on the US PGA Tour, were hoping to hold the old guard at bay in the final round of the Honda Classic at Eagle Trace yesterday - although the weather forecasters were

 predicting mayhem. Friends from their days on the Australian Tour, Herron, a 26-year-old rookie from Minnesota, and Campbell, a 27-year-old Maori, were paired together in the last match on what was initially a wet but windless afternoon.

Herron, the leader since his opening round of 62, was on ahead of Campbell and four ahead of Mark O'Meara, the defending champion, and Mark McCumber.

Campbell, of whom great things are expected, especially after his third place in the Open Championship last year, said he learnt a lot on the last Sunday at St Andrews, having led by three shots after three rounds. "I was out of control emotionally," he said. "I was thinking of a thousand things, getting too far ahead of myself, thinking I'd be set for life financially if I won, things like that. Next time I'm lead-

ing, I'll know how to control those emotions." Nick Faldo was seemingly back in control of his game

after successive rounds of 68 and impressed the locals when he had a heckler thrown off the course on Friday. The man abused Curtis Strange, Faldo's playing partner, referring to Strange's bogey, bogey, bogey finish against Faldo in the Ryder Cup. "It was nasty," Faldo said, "and he had no right to do it. He has no idea of the pressure of playing at the top of sport."

Time for Crazy Gang to grow up

Antics of Harford show Wimbledon in their true light

By ANDREW LONGMORE

TYPICAL. Just when you were developing a sneaking affec-tion for Wimbledon, they go and ruin it. Not by their football, which at times in this rumbustious cup tie bordered on the elegant, nor by their bravado, which was as rampant as ever, but by their unremittingly boorish

The sight of Mick Harford haranguing and abusing Peter Jones, the reserve official, the linesman and then the Chelsea bench after Gullit's free kick had put the home team ahead, was enough to make any neutral in the crowd pray that Wembley in May will not be the setting for another chunk of us-againstthe world paranoia. Even the Wimbledon physio, face contorted with rage, could be seen jabbing a finger at officials. Team spirit run riot. All for

one, one for all. Later, with utter predictability, came the justification. "I've watched a lot of football and I cannot remember another incident like it." Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, said. "Most of my players were disappointed with it because Steve Clarke did exactly the same and no free kick was

it deliberate, so penalised the goalkeeper for picking the ball up, quite rightly as the cameras proved. But Wimbledon had already decided they would get no justice from the league's most prolific disciplinarian, who has sent off three Wimbledon players this sea-son, and had soon dusted down their persecution complex. The last time I got anything away from home, I was playing for Tottenham."



Still the Crazy Gang, it is a very tired act now after all these years. All Kinnear would say about Harford was that he was "a bit naughty", which was not quite what his opposite number, Glenn Hoddle, had in mind when he wagged his own finger at Kinnear shortly after the final whistle. The tirade was not against Kinnear himself, it was just a sharp lecture about the nature of manageria)

responsibility. "He's passionate, he's committed, he's a smashing bloke." Kinnear said by way of censure to Harford, who de-

The decision that so angered **Unsettled Wright** may join Chelsea

By JOHN GOODBODY

to sign lan Wright if the Arsenal board agree to release the forward who has been the Highbury club's leading goalscorer over the last five

Wright, 32, who is valued at written transfer request after several disagreements with Bruce Rioch, the Arsenal

Wright said: "I am not happy at Arsenal any more. Certain things have happened this season which have upset me. Rìoch has his own ideas on how he wants to play the game. Unfortunately, I do not think I fit into the system he

"However, you do not walk out on a great club like Arsenal in an afternoon. I spent ages trying to sort out in my mind what to do for the best. It was a difficult and sad

Rioch has already tried to smooth over the difficulties with Wright by making him captain in the absence

CHELSEA are the favourites through injury of Tony Adams. However, Rioch will face an awkward choice for the FA Carling Premiership game at Wimbledon on Saturday when Wright, fit and free from suspension, will challenge Dennis Bergkamp and John 13 million, has handed in a Hartson, who has scored three goals in the last three games, for the two places in Arsenal's artack.

Wright has scored 19 goals for Arsenal this season to continue his fine record since he joined the club in 1991. He was a member of the team that won the unique double of the FA Cup and Coca-Cola Cup in

The England international, who is under contract at Highbury until he is 36, is understood to have been strongly supported during his time at Highbury by David Dein, the Arsenal vice-chairman. However, he has irritated everyone at the club with his poor disciplinary record, which has frequently meant that he has had to miss important games.

The disappointing aspect of don need no longer perpetuate the myth. They are a very tidy football team and can stand on their own feet as such without all the baggage handed down from the Fashanu era. It was not too hyperbolic for Vinnie Jones to claim that, in the first half, Wimbledon actually played more like Chelsea than did Chelsea. Some of the passing in midfield, where the quicksilver Leonhardsen was prominent, was positively picturesque and the speed of their counter-attacks left Chelsea in some disarray, happy to reach

half-time on level terms. Gullit, who, despite scoring off Jones's calf, had one of his less influential afternoons, was critical of his side's attitude. "We gave them too much respect," Gullit said. "When we played our game more aggressively, thought more

about ourselves and went for it, we created chances and played some good football."
Twice in the opening 20 minutes, Chelsea were exposed down their right side. a header down by Goodman setting up Harford for a shot against the post and a solo

effort by Leonhardsen well saved by Hitchcock. At the front, Hughes was well marshalled for the second consecutive weekend by Dean Blackwell, another product of the Wimbledon youth team, who had been pencilled in as a first-team regular when John Scales was sold to Liverpool, but tore an Achilles tendon and was out for 18 months. He has only recently returned and his partnership with Perry is already providing much need-ed solidity in defence.

Then there is Harford, all arms and legs and mouth, but, at 37, making a much better job of servicing his front line than Spencer, recalled to play a similar role for Chelsea. What irritated Hoddle, though, apart from Harford, was his side's refusal to learn basic lessons.

At Selhurst Park last week, they fell asleep soon after scoring: they did it again on Saturday. No sooner had the celebrations for Gullit's goal died down than Holdsworth headed in Kimble's free kick for the equaliser, stunning the posse on the Wimbledon bench, who were too busy arguing to notice, and disappointing the unbiased, who did. After all, who would you rather have gracing the final Wembley, Gullit or

Hartord?

CHELSEA (3-4-1-2) K Hischcock — M Duberty, S Clarke, E Johnsen — D Petrescu, R Guilt, D Wes, T Phelan — J Spencer (sub: G Peacock, 85min) — M Hughes, P Futiong (sub: N Subran — K Currentjham, D Bactowell, C Perry, A Kimble — R Earle, V Jones, O Leonhardsen — M Harford (sub: M Gayla, 77), E Buoku, J Goodman (sub: D Holdsworth, 64).



Agile Crossley saves the best till last

Tottenham Hotspur 1 Nottingham Forest 1 (aet: 1-1 at 90min) (Forest win 3-1 on pens)

By DAVID MILLER

IT WAS, without question, Mark Crossley's week. First, there had been his remarkable double-save against Bayem in Munich. Now came three saves in a penalty shoot-out against Tottenham Hotspur on Saturday. No wonder he ran almost clean out of White Hart Lane in celebration after the last, and best of them, which denied Sheringham.

The Nottingham Forest goalkeeper's agility had been a key factor in restricting the Germans to a 2-i lead in the first leg of the Uefa Cup quarter-final. His notable contribution at the conclusion of a frenzied FA Cup fifthround replay deservedly gave Forest another quarter-final, at home to Aston Villa on Wednesday.
In the week that Bill Nich-

olson, the man who guided Tottenham to their finest glories, celebrates 60 years at White Hart Lane, the present team will reflect with anguish on many aspects of this Cuptie, quite apart from the first two dolly-shots from the penalty spot by Wilson and Rosenthal It will be difficult for them to find a convincing argument that they were in any sense robbed.

Certainly, Forest were fortunate when, seven minutes from the end of extra time, Pearce appeared from nowhere to scoop Rosenthal's lobbed shot from the left off a deserted goalline, Crossley having been drawn out of position by a cross from the right. More particularly, Tottenham supporters will bemoan the fact that, in the final minute of scheduled play, with both sides falling apart through fatigue on a scarred. soft pitch, a breakaway shot-by Slade hit the right-hand post with Crossley beaten. Slade had entered the fray at the extra-time interval, replacing Armstrong, who had sin-

gularly failed to exploit the

uncertainties of Haaland,

Forest's deputy centre back. Forest had often looked a class apart for all but the quarter of an hour before halftime, after Sheringham's stunning equalising goal from a free kick, and the last ten minutes of extra time, by which time Woan, Gemmill and others were running short of fuel. Indeed, in the first quarter of an hour, the game was played almost solely in the Tottenham half of the field. Mabbutt at times defending desperately to hold the middle, Edinburgh and Campbell on either flank anxiously trying to stem the flow of Stone and Woan.

At one point, Calderwood was reduced to booting into touch like some non-League

Crossley celebrates after his penalty shoot-out saves put Tottenham out of the FA Cup

United's intentions. Billy Kirk-

wood, the manager, fielded Win-

ters and Coyle in wide positions,

capitalising on the space left there

by a Celtic system that depends on

From those bases on the flanks.

the visitors began to probe the core

of a defence that has an improvised

air to it. With Boyd suspended,

O'Neill has returned to the post of

centre back after a serious knee

injury. While his body has been restored, his concentration has yet

Even in the recent weeks of

handsome victories for Celtic, the

opposition have squandered oppor-

tunities. United were not so indul-

gent and, in the 37th minute,

McSwegan was able to send Brew-

ster through with an elementary pass. Marshall then brought him

down and may have remained on

the field only because the the

forward was moving sideways, and

not directly towards the target, when the goalkeeper fouled him.

Coyle's penalty was inadequate and Marshall parried, but McSwegan reached the rebound and forced it back to Coyle, who,

given this second opportunity.

smashed the ball home. As the

game wore on, Celtic's moves

became ever more laboured and

the experience of men such as the

veteran Malpas seemed to guaran-tee security for the Dundee club.

because they truly solved the

problem set them, but through

faint errors by United, slight good fortune and, above all, a craving for

success this season that is yet to be

In the end. Celtic were to win not

to be fully reconstructed.

pitching the full backs forward.

player. Nicholson must have closed his eyes and thought of other days, of Maurice Norman and Mike England. There was a moment early on when Fox, cutting in on the right, found Armstrong.

whose sharp diagonal cross to the far post was narrowly missed by Sheringham as he lunged, feet first. Soon afterwards. Forest were in front. Roy, whose control on a difficult pitch was a delight. caught the Tottenham rear-

guard square in breaking away on the left. Drawing Walker, he calmly steered the ball into the right of an empty

From here on, Forest played with authority. Tottenwithout coherence.

partially cleared. Then, just after the half-hour. a free kick for a foul by Haaland on Armstrong brought Tottenham the goal they barely deserved at this stage. A group of Tottenham players gathered round the ball and. while Howells turned and walked clear to the left. Sheringham ran round the back of him and struck a marvellously accurate, curving kick into the top corner. Briefly. Tottenham flour-

creased the lead with a fierce

shot when a free kick was

ished. Sheringham booked wide from a half-chance created by Fox, Rosenthal headed just over the bar from Armstrong's hanging cross from the left. Fox drove crisply at Crossley when Sheringham sent the ball shearing across the goalmouth.

But that was about it until a late near-miss by Mabbutt. who, early in extra time. volleyed wide from no more than five yards. Before that, Forest had been back in charge, so that even when the contest began to disintegrate in company with teamwork all round, it still seemed that the visiting team would win. the visiting team would win.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2) I Waller
— S Campbell, C Calderwood, G Mabbotl,
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R Fox, D Howells, C Wilson, R Rosenthal—
C Amstrong (sub: S Stade, 105). E
Shenrigham
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2): M
Crossley — D Lyttle, A I Haaland (sub: D
P McGregor, 103), C Bart-Williams, S
Gentral, I Woon — K Campbell (sub. I Lee,
120), B Rose

Ellis has no peers in Blackpool's galaxy

Blackpool Notts County

BY.MARK HODKINSON

BENEATH its famous tower. Blackpool is awash with stars. The North Pier alone can boast three doyens of light entertainment in Les Dennis, Su Pollard and Roy Walker. The town's football club has its own nova, a swashbuckling idol with a roguish air named Tony Ellis. He has the polished face and phoney posture of a model staring down from a poster in a barber's shop. After every pass or darting run, he readjusts his hair and wipes the surplus gel onto his

Blackpool's promotion confrontation with Notts County was a stage specially made for his swagger. His first call came after just seven minutes when he slammed his studs into County's grounded goalkeeper, Ward. He apologised excessively. Handkerchiefs were wrung in the stands.

The game's solitary goal came when Morrison headed on a long throw and Ellis nodded in from close range, his fringe barely ruffled. It was an isolated palpitation in a game that lay moribund until the final minutes.

In between, Blackpool played the weather at its own game. Instead of emulating County's gracious but flawed football, they aimed the ball at passing seagulfs and charged after it. The demented wind, blowing in from the Irish Sea, made anything else futile.

The balloons brought by the home fans to brighten up their shabby ground - stadium being

Bloomfield Road - blew straight past them to roam the flat downs of the fylde. When the ball landed. Morrison, Blackpool's captain, usually found himself beneath it. Head shaved, thighs like beer barrels, he stalked the midfield, the type of player who is outstanding in a poor match and barely recognisable in a good one; he was magnificent in this one.

With only four minutes remaining, we were treated to the game's only real piece of skill. Jones sent a free kick spinning and dipping into the net. County celebrated. Their fans danced on the crumbling terraces. A linesman's flag suddenly shuddered in the wind. The ffort was disallowed meanly. Someone, somewhere, was offside. Shamefully, there were scuffles as County players surrounded officials at the end. A police officer had to accompany them to the dressing

Afterwards, Sam Allardyce, the Blackpool manager, empathised with Colin Murphy, his counter-I can understand Colin's frustration. It was a smashing free kick. They had three of four people behind our wall. I don't know whether they impaired our keeper's view or not. The offside is ludicrous these days, all this talk over what is an active area or whether someone is interfering with play. The referee has only got a split-second to make

BLACKPOOL (4-3-3): E Nixon — M Bryan, D Linighan, D Bradshaw, A Barlow — M Bonner, A Montson, M Mellon — J Clunn (sub; C Beach, 79mm), A Preece, A Ellis (sub; A Watson, 84) NOTTS COUNTY (4-3-3). D Ward — C Hoyle (sub S Finner, Terrin), S Murphy, G Strodder, I Berraclough — P Rogers, J Hurt, A Agana — G Martindale, G Jones, T Batjersby,

Frantic Celtic reprieved with time running out

There are days when teams are driven through fear and despair before they can relocate their own worth and win. Celtic took 88 minutes to complete a tortured journey across those badlands yesterday, for, at that stage in the Tennents Scottish Cup quarterfinal, Dundee United still led 1-0. A draw, let alone a 2-1 victory, seemed unfeasible.

Celtic, on their home ground, were barren of invention by then and offered only urgency. It was enough. From a free kick on the right, McNamara flighted the ball into the six-yard box where the visitors' goalkeeper, Maxwell, failed to challenge and van Hooijdonk crashed a header into the roof of the net.

The winner came almost immediately. McNamara drove into a tackle in midfield, forcing the ball on to Thom, who simply streamed away from Welsh before clattering home a drive that contained no subtlety, but a vast amount of glee. In that fashion, he took Celtic through to join Rangers, Heart of Midlothian and Aberdeen in a semi-final draw to be made on

Celtic, a club that always takes an interest in omens, will be excited by the manner of victory yesterday. no matter the anguish that preceded it. Such exploits, after all, studded the club's season in 1988 when the double was won. United. too, recognised the echoes, for it was they who lost the Scottish Cup final to Celtic, also in the closing

One would never have guessed that they were about to repeat the ordeal yesterday, especially not

when they were in command and threatening to add further goals in ths second half. United may have been relegated since winning the Scottish Cup in 1994, but they have not reconciled themselves to obscurity.

This was a tie relished at Tannadice, an occasion where intelligence and planning might have met with more reward than they do in the normal, humdrum fixture list. The niceties of strategy, how-



commentary

ever, were scarcely under discussion when the the visitors, during the opening exchanges, were being pressed into their own goalmouth. The greatest single factor in creating the distress that would wash over Celtic lay in a failure to beat Maxwell in those early, carefree stages when chances were still being manufactured regularly. Thom, Grant and van Hooijdonk might all have forced shots past the keeper and McNamara certainly should have done so, but slapped weakly at the ball after being put through by McLaughlin.

As the smoke of Celuc's bornbardment began to clear, however,

Gillingham happy to win points, not friends

Gillingham Preston North End1

By Keith Pike

AS SPORTING fairy tales go, this one takes more believing than most: impoverished club from footballing backwater, on the verge of extinction, find wealthy knight dismounting from trusty white limo in car park, appoint receivers' right-hand man as manager and sweep all before them, riding into the promotion sunset a year later,

violins and hankies to the fore. Yet, even as Gillingham edge ever closer to happy-ever-after land — this draw on Saturday against their nearest rivals maintained their three-point lead in the Endsleigh Insurance League third division with 12 games to go - they are finding friends harder to win than matches. For all the improbable nature of their impending triumph, the Kent club is discovering that success without style is often regarded as no success at all.

And style is in short supply at Priestfield Stadium. You can mar-vel at an army of six-footers able to belt the ball into orbit and tackle themselves into a frenzy, witness every long-throw and free-kick routine in the manual and overdose on passion and commitment — but there is no craft, no flair, no guile. No style, it is football to capture the title, not the soul.

It is also highly effective. The goal with which Simon Davey put Preston ahead in the 49th minute. after a sweeping move the length of the pitch, was only the fifteenth that Gillingham have conceded this season and only the fifth at home.

England's most prolific attack having breached its meanest defence. Preston were then undone in predictable fashion 18 minutes from time. Harris rising highest from a scrum of bodies six yards out to meet Naylor's free kick. The approach of the teams had been neatly reflected in the quality of the

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team

Not, it has to be said, that the Gillingham supporters who filled the ground seemed bothered, and who can blame them? Nine months

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ago, the club was £3 million in debt and in the hands of administrative receivers when Pat Scally completed his takeover within two hours of a Football League deadline, And while the team that Tony Pulis has assembled is not pretty to watch the Gillingham manager was initially appointed by the receivers to value the squad — and has a poor disciplinary record, it is better than

no team at all. We are a team, and a club, that will fight its way out of any corner." Scally said. "We are not going to be trodden on - we have had enough of that in the past. Now they like supporters can hold their heads up and be proud of what they have achieved." Survival, not style, is the name of his game.

GILLINGHAM (4.4-2): J Stanmard — R Green, A Burker (sub D Puttinam, 66min), M Hamte, D Railydr — R Carperter, S Cestic (sub: D Freeman, 84, D Marths, N Smith — L Fortune-West (sub: K Raimay, 82), D 9-8.

PRESTON NORTH END (44.9): J Vaughan — P Spanow, D Moyes, R Wiccox, D Barnot — P Birth, S Danoy, G Atkinson, i Bryson — A Sautie, S Will serve.

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Simon Barnes sees Middlesbrough's men from Brazil struggle to make an impact

Experiment failing to counter pull of gravity

Brazil international in your team could be regarded as a misfortune; to be relegated with two would look like carelessness. Middles-brough went to West Ham United with Branco and Juninho and still lost, for the tenth time in the last Il games. The other was a 0-0 draw.

Odd to recall that Middlesbrough began the season by winning nine of the first ten and, in October, reached the dizzy heights of fourth. A casual glance at the table suggests they are safe, but not when you recall how much downward momentum they

It was a connoisseur's collection of subs down in the East End on Saturday. Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, put both his Brazilians on the bench - not, one imagines, because competition for places is so intense that a man with 85 caps for Brazil cannot get in the team.

No, Branco has not played a full game since mid-December and is short of fitness, and Juninho had flown in from Brazil that morning after taking part in the Olympic Games qualifying tournament. West Ham responded with some spirited subbing of their own: Dumitrescu, 52 caps for Romania and at last granted his foolishly-delayed work permit, and Dani, the Portuguese prodigy.
Testing times for Middles-

brough and, as people often do, they responded to adversity by going silly. In football, you get awfully exposed when you go silly - and that counts ten times over for goalies. The game was a minute old when it was put beyond Middlesbrough's reach by their own goalkeeper, Walsh.

What possesses goalies to get up to gaudy monkey tricks of ball-juggling in the goal-mouth? There seems to be a self-destructive streak in all goalkeepers; perhaps you can't be a goalie without one. Anyback-pass and flicked the ball sweetly from one foot to the other for a nonchalant volleyed clearance. Or rather, he tried to and made a hash if it.

Cotree - 1 wonder how many goals have been conceded by players who have underestimated his speed of thought in the penalty area - zoomed in on the error and Dowie tucked the loose ball home. West Ham proceeded to dominate and should have settled matters long before they did.

As it was, they needed a dodgy penalty. The ball struck a divot and bounced up to hit Cox on the arm. The referee, who could only have decided that Cox had taken leave of his senses, awarded a penalty and Dicks despatched it with a leftfooted thump. So it was time for the

Brazilians. Juninho appeared on the hour and Branco ten minutes later. Odd it was to see how unassimilable the little Brazilian has been. Some of the exoticisms of the season have been unqualified successes; Juninho, supposed to be one of the greatest players in the world and the Premiership coup of the season, has had a negligible effect on his team.

In his early days at Chelsea. Gullit was always sending immaculate balls to colleagues who failed to control them, passes to players who were not running into the right spaces or making himself available for passes that never came. But there is a didactic streak in Gullit and a large and selfconfident personality as well. He has educated his team.

Juninho, younger and lacking Gullit's authority, remains an outsider. Brilliant touches, swooping runs, but his colleagues don't seem to know what to do about him. He seems out of place, too good

for the company he is in.

It is a bit like meeting
Einstein at the pub. "Yes, but how much choice did God have in creating the universe?" Blimey, listen to him, he



Walsh, the Middlesbrough goalkeeper, is confronted by Dowie, scorer of the first goal in West Ham United's 2-0 victory at Upton Park

bad haircut playing alongside

cost £5.2 million, half a million

jokes like that, young fellow."

more than me."

"Oh, that was Barmby; he

"I wish you wouldn't make

doesn't half go on. I reckon Boro will go down, don't you? Or perhaps I am wrong, and it is not incomprehension but admiration - Juninho's colleagues just stop and watch him play. Whatever the cause, the Brazilian Experiment isn't working. No one seemed to know what Branco was doing, still less Branco himself. I

wonder: did Branco and Juninho sit together on the coach heading back north and discuss the match in Portu-guese, which, like their play, is beyond the understanding of their colleagues?

"Tell me, Juninho, can any of the Middlesbrough players actually trap a football? And who was that fellow with the

"Joking? I wish I was, old Middlesbrough have eight games left, and Harry Red-knapp, the West Harn manager, reckoned they needed two wins to be safe. This would be a comforting thought if the task of winning one didn't look so difficult. Einstein reckoned the gravitational field was represented by curved spacetime. Meanwhile, Middles-brough, beaten 2-0 on Saturday, continue to plummet downwards.

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PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

Villa reward blind loyalty of their immovable followers

Juninho, left, and Branco await their chance to come on



Yorke: precise header

Queens Park Rangers ... 2 By Russell Kempson

ANOTHER frustrating afternoon for Reg Thacker, Aston Villa enthusiast since 1955. regular supporter for 20 years and current season-ticket holder. Reg Thacker, programme dealer; Reg Thacker. the man who never misses a

match at Villa Park ... and never sees one.

Every football club, up and down the country, has a Reg Thacker. The ever-so eager, always-doing-his-bit loyalist

there in position. If it means sacrificing personal pleasure for the greater good, so be it.

When Villa are, more often than not, cashing in on the pitch. Thacker is cashing up at his Trinity Road kiosk. Apart from the occasional glimpse on a nearby television monitor, he has little but the cheers of the crowd to guide him. "I do miss the football,

especially this season." he said. "People at the game come and talk to me about it as though I've seen it myself. They don't realise I've seen

Thacker was better served

counting his pennies for most of the first half on Saturday, when Villa had their minds more on the forthcoming Coca-Cola Cup final with Leeds United than making progress in the FA Carling away Bardsley's drive.

Edwards shows Luton

Rangers side plunging inexo-rably into the Endsleigh Insurance League, the only saving grace was Milosevic's nineteenth-minute goal - his third in three matches. An exchange of passes with Yorke and a subtle toe-poke did the

Premiershio.

In the second half, Rangers

then going ahead in the space of nine minutes. Dichio volleyed in from McGrath's sliced clearance and then Gallen produced a similar finish after Bosnich had beaten

"At half-time, I felt we had Against a Queens Park at least five or ten per cent more to offer," Brian Little, the Villa manager, said. "There was a little something, somewhere, crying to come out, but it didn't emerge until they had scored." Emerge it did. Villa's indif-

ference suddenly transformed into urgency, with the overlapping Charles supplying the

overhead kick, followed by a precise header, jointly took his tally for the season to 22 and put Rangers in their place. Then Wright's shot, deflecting off Bardsley and Yates en route to goal, summed up their desperate predicament.

Ray Wilkins, the Rangers

20 Bolton

Weekly change

player-manager, again spoke of the defensive errors, individual mistakes and ill-fortune that had dogged his side all season. "You can get away with it in the lower divisions, but not in the Premiership. You get punished," he said. As the last rites descend on

Rangers, Villa look forward to

T ntil their 5-0 win

against Grimsby

Town last Tuesday,

Crystal Palace had risen large-

ly without trace. A repeat of

that scoreline never looked

likely at Selhurst Park on

Saturday, but a narrow vic-

tory over West Bromwich Al-

bion kept the home team in a

play-off position in the Endsleigh Insurance League

The possibility of an instant

return to the Premiership for

Palace would have seemed

widely improbable a few

weeks ago. However, the im-

probable is a speciality of

Dave Bassett, whose appoint-

ment as manager has coincid-

ed with a significant improve-

ment in the team's previously

disappointing home form. A

side minus most of last sea-

son's biggish names, wading

through a congested fixture

list on a heavily over-used

pitch? No problem, surely, for

the man who took Wimbledon

"In four weeks, we've played

eight games," Bassett said,

'but I can't complain. You

into the old first division.

first division.

an FA Cup quarter-final against Nottingham Forest at the City Ground on Wednesday. Should their cup runs end in tears, they will probably still qualify for Europe next season via a high finish in the Premiership. A rich reward, and programmes galore, for Reg Thacker.

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ASTON VILLA (3-5-2): M Bosnich — U Phagu, P McGrath, R Sameca — G Charles, G Southgete (sub. J Joschim, 57mm), M Draper, A Townsend (sub. G Farrelly, 88), A Whight — D Yorke, S Millocavir

OUIEENS PARK RANGERS (4-3-3) J Sommer — D Bardsley, K Roady, S Yalea, R Brevert — S Barker, N Questine (sub. G Goodhdge, 86min), I Holloway — T Sinclet, K Gallen, D Dichio

can draw hope from Royle seal of approval

Coventry

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BY PAT GIBSON

THERE was enough blood spilt at Goodison Park to dispel any suspicion that the old pal's act might have been at work as Coventry City recovered from a two-goal deficit to take a point which could be crucial in their annual battle to avoid relegation from the FA Carling Premiership.

Joe Royle and Ron Aikinson, the respective managers, are so close that they telephone each other several times a week to talk about how their teams are playing, but it is not that which makes Royle hope and believe that Coventry will stay in the top division for the

thirtieth consecutive season.
"Our friendship has got nothing to do with it." Royle said. "I hope Coventry get out of trouble because they try to play and get forward, and I think they can because they score goals. That is the great thing. I know they leak goals as well, but, as long as you can score, you can always win a game. Looking at the teams around them, they seem to be struggling because they don't score enough.

This match proved his point. Most teams in Coventry's position would have thrown in the towel after they had conceded two goals in the opening 25 minutes to the rampant Ferguson, the first a classic header from Hinchcliffe's cross, the second a clever finish after Stuart's flick had sent him striding clear of the visitors' defence.

Coventry, however, pressed on in the belief that they could get back into the game and they were rewarded when a brave diving header by Whelan forced Southall into a magnificent save. Whelan suffered a gashed temple that needed six stitches, but, as he was led from the field, Daish headed in the resultant corner and Atkinson said: "All credit to the lad. As he went off, I shouted to him: 'Hey, you've just got us a goal through your bravery'.'

It was the turn of Short, Everton's central defender, to show his courage in the sectouchline three times for treatment after sustaining a cut above his nose before the referee eventually decided he had seen enough blood for one day and ordered him off for good two minutes from the end, but it was all to no avail. Coventry had already scored the equaliser they deserved when Williams's header went in off Short's shoulder. leaving Atkinson, as flippant as ever, to say: "We made it hard for ourselves but that's our game. We don't like anybody to leave until we've

EVERTON (4-4-2): N Southall — M Hothger, C Short (sub J O'Connor, 88mm), D Unsworth, A Hincheldte — A kanchelskis, A Grant, J Parkmon (sub D Amokach, 45), J Ebbrell — D Ferguson, G Stuart GOVERNITY CITY (4-4-2): S Ogracovic — B Borrows, D Bussi, L Dalsh, R Show — P Teller (sub, G Strachen, 68), P Williams, E Jess, J Salako — D Dublin, N Whelan (sub-P Ndionu, 42)

Promised land is in sight for team shaped in Reid's image

Sunderland3 Derby County0

By PETER BALL

THE North East's football fervour is proving infectious. Sunderland stated their claim for a place among the elite on Saturday when they inflicted a first league defeat for 20 games on Derby County, the leaders, to close the gap at the top of the Endsleigh Insurance League first division to four points. Sunderland have two games in hand.

Roker Park celebrated raucously. Sunderland's biggest gate of the season witnessing a line start to what is a big week for the North East's "other" club. This morning, the club unveils its plans for a new stadium. Tomorrow evening. Sunderland use up one of those games in hand at Oldham, where a win would leave Derby's lead looking vulnerable - as Derby themselves did on Saturday.

We looked very, very strong. Peter Reid, the Sunderland manager, said afterwards. "Physically, we won battles all over the pitch, but, when we had time, we got it

down and played." Reid's influence in that was obvious. At a lower level, Sunderland are like the Everton team that shaped his philosophy, with the same

pattern based on sound defence and competitiveness as the key, but with an eagerness to play too. On Saturday, the defence

was excellent, so that Shay Given, the promising young goalkeeper on loan from Blackburn Rovers, did not have a save to make until the dying moments. Ord, in particular, was outstanding, holding Gabbiadini and Sturridge at bay and still finding time to hit the pass of the match and

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to win the header that set up Russell's second and Sunderland's third goal, which ended any chance of a Derby comeback.

Scott, whose overlap provided a goal for Agnew, and the wide players also did well, but the key was in front of Ord and Melville, where Bracewell and Ball went on their searchand-destroy missions enthusiastically, harrying Derby into submission, like Bracewell and Reid of ten years ago.

Here, though, is the rub -Bracewell's days as a Premiership player are past and, for all his commitment. Ball is likely to struggle at the higher

level. From Sunderland to New-

Tynesiders are a million miles away - or at least £20 million. With the Premiership title in view, Kevin Keegan spent Ell million bringing in Asprilla and Batty to shore things up. Reid has had to be content with Paul Stewart on a free transfer, even if he did do well enough yersterday until he ran out of breath in his original role as a forward. Reid's capacity to make successful teams out of limited material deserves to be legendary - witness his stewardship of Manchester City but reaching the Premiership

castle is only 12 miles by road;

in football terms, the

Sunderland's problems. At least they are on course. Are Derby? "We knew the run would end sometime, it was just a pity it was to Sunderland," Jim Smith, the Derby manager, said afterwards. "But we've ten games left, we'll just have to set off on another run." Easier said than done, as Smith knows, and West Bromwich Albion, Leicester City, Millwall and Charlton Athletic, among others, could all tell him.

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SUNDERLAND (4-4-2) · S Given — D Rubida, A Metville, R Ord, M Scott — S Agnew, P Bracewell, K Bell, M Gray (sub: G Hall Stamm) — C Russell, P Stewart (sub: P Cray, 64).

DEHBY COUNTY (3-5-2): R Hout — D Yates (sub, M Carbon, 81), I Somac, G Rowell — L Carsley, P Simpson (sub, G Hodges, 45), R van der Laan (sub; S Flynn, 45), D Powell, C Powell — M Gabbachin, D idge irae: R Pountain -

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BY IVO TENNANT

A YEAR after gaining promo-tion to the Endsleigh Insurance League first division. Huddersfield Town are on the verge of attaining a dizzier level still. How Lord Wilson of Rievaulx, in his lifetime their most prominent supporter, would have been taken by such heightened ambitions and the splendour of their award-winning stadium.

Whether Huddersfield have a team fit to compete in the FA Carling Premiership is another matter. They created no shortage of chances with which to beat their more lowly opponents without matching them for dexterous, one-touch passing. Luton Town's game, the legacy of the management of David Pleat, may be better suited to the highest domestic level.

There is a muscularity about Huddersfield's footbail that reflects their manager's style as a player. Brian Horton's best years were spent captaining Luton under Pleat. counter-pointing from midfield the more intricate skills of the likes of Paul Walsh, Ricky Hill and David Moss, who is now the coach at Huddersfield.

This is not to say that Horton does not appreciate

abilities he did not possess Indeed, he reminisced about the flair of Moss when discussing the winning goal, scored by a forward who, the previous Saturday, had claimed a hat-trick for Crewe Alexandra, his club since he left school. Rob Edwards, who cost Horton £150,000, now has 22 goals to his name

this season. He is 26, which would suggest he is set in his ways and might take some time adapting to a higher division. yet this goal, scored with just 15 minutes remaining, was no fluke. Controlling Jepson's cross as the ball dropped over his shoulder. Edwards turned and found the far corner in the next instant.

Contrast that decisiveness with the over-elaboration of Edwards's opposite number, Guentchev, who played for Bulgaria in the last World Cup. Sent clear early in the second half, he carried the ball to one side of Francis, Huddersfield's goalkeeper. but rather than trusting himself to shoot, instead vainly attempted a back heel into the path of a colleague. Luton are a team much in need of a goalscorer such as Edwards. goalscoret such as Edwards.

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S Devis, D Potterson, M Thomas — D
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(sub T P McLaren, 78). S Oakes — B
Guernchev, J Taylor, T Thorpe.

Referee: E Wolstenholme.

hope things go well, but I'm delighted. I felt the Palace team had something about them and I'm glad I've been able to contribute. The players and the back-room staff have responded - if they'd wanted to be negative, it would have made things very difficult." The something Palace had

Nick Szczepanik on

in Palace's unheralded rise

Freedman takes the honours

how a team's cause

on Saturday, and the main difference between two lacklustre outfits, was the former Barnet forward. Dougie Freedman. While Taylor and Hunt waited in vain for service from the West Bromwich midfield, Freedman was happy to do his own foraging when necessary and, in possession, had the confidence and imagination to start and finish attacks.

"He's got a bit of the unexpected about him," his manager said. "He does a lot

good work around the halfway line and up to the penalty area. I've been on to him about getting in the box to

was promoted in a 1-0 win at Selhurst Park

score more goals."

He clearly did not need telling twice. After a midweek hat-trick, Freedman was on target again in 29 minutes: when Andersen headed on a free kick, Freedman stole the yard he needed on his marker to time a crisp volley past Naylor in the visiting team's goal. He also initiated the best moment of the second half when his flick released Hopkin, who gave Dyer the chance for a shot well saved by Naylor.

The goalkeeper was only playing because Spink had damaged an ankle in the prematch warm-up. "We should have known then it wasn't our day," the West Bromwich manager, Alan Buckley, said. "You need a break, and we didn't get it." Palace play at home again

tomorrow. "We could do with a rest - and so could the pitch," Bassett said. With Wimbledon going to another FA Cup replay, there is not much chance of that.

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TONIGHT SOUTHAMPTON are considering a change of role for Matthew Le Tissier in an effort to repeat their FA Cup success of four years ago against Manchester Le Tissier, who has been out of sorts for much of this season, may well be entrusted with attacking United through the centre of the field.

Having reopened the race for the championship after their 1-0 win at Newcastle, United are full of confidence. The home side are likely to be un-changed, with Gary Neville partnering Steve Bruce in defence, with Gary Pallister ruled out for a further two weeks by back trouble. Tommy Widdrington or Neil Maddison will replace the suspended Southampton captain Barry Venison.

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GOALSCORERS

FA CUP MATCH-UPS

MANCHESTER UNITED v SOUTHAMPTON It is the first meeting of the two chibs in the sixth round of the competition. Manchester have never lost a cup-lie against Southampton at Old Trailord in normal play, they lost there only on a penalty shoot-one (1991-2). Records met 7 times (in 11 maiches); Manchester have won 5 (2 after replays); Southampton have won 2 (both after replays) of the presiding Manchester Intel 2 (Parahesteris, MicCalar); Southampton 2 (Gray, Sheare) (4th md replay, 1991-2, after extra time Southampton won 4-2 on pens). Other meetings: 1-1, 3-1 (2nd md, 1896-7); 1-0 (Semi-final, 1962-3); 3-2 (3nd md, 1963-4); 1-1, 4-1 (3nd md, 1971-2); 0-1 (Final, 1975-6); 2-2, 2-1 (5th md, 1976-7); 0-0, 2-2 (4th md, 1981-2). Bit round record (since 1925-6); Manchester United have won 19 of 25 ties; Southampton have won 3 of 5 ties.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST V ASTON VILLA

It is the first meeting of the two class in the 6th round of the competition. Record: met 8 times (in 9 matches); Nottingham have won 4, Aston Villa have leading.

replay.

Last meeting: Notingham Forest 2 (Needham, Woodcock)
Asson Villa 0 (3rd md. 1978-9). Other meetings: 1-2 (2nd md. 1880-1): 1-4 (1st md. 1881-2): 2-6 (3rd md. 1984-5): 2-1 (1st md. 1898-9): 0-0, 1-3 (2nd md. 1900-1); 2-0 (1st md. 1908-9): 1-0 (Semi-śrat, 1988-9); 2-0 (2rd md. 1978-9).

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Record (prior to 1995-6): Met 3 times (in 4 matches); Leeds have won 1 (after a replay); Liverpool have won 2. Meetings (prior to 1995-6); 0-3 (15t md, 1924-5); 1-2 (1964-5); 0-0, 2-0 (4th md, 1971-2). 88th found record (since 1925-5); Leeds have won 6 of 10 ties; Liverpool have won 15 of 21 ties.

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League Cup final. Doncaster drew 2-2 with Wembley but were beaten 5-3 on penalties

NON LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES UNBOND

PREMIER DIVISION: Barrow 1 Leek 0: Bishop Auckland 1 Gainsborough 1: Blyth Spartars 2 Witton 0: Buston 0 Accrington Stanley 1: Droystedn 5 Knowsley 1: Emiley 1 Bember Bridge 1: Guseley 2 Manne 4. Hyde 3 Chorley 1: Mattock 1 Collyn Bay 4: Sparnymoor 2 Boston 3; Winstord 4 Frickley 1. PREMIER DIVISION: Aylesbury 2 Hitchin; 1. Chertsey 3 Bishop's Stortford 0, Duhlech 1 Watton and Hersham 1; Harrow 4 Yeaden; 1; Hayes 3 Enfield 1; Kingstonian 2; Carahalton 1; Molessey 3 Bromiey 2; Sutton United 2 Hendon 3; Worthing 1 Purfleet 2; Yeovil first Albans 1. Postponed: Grays y Boreham Wood

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Tune in to choose Britain's greatest sports star

port touches a raw nerve Walk into a crowded room and announce who you believe to be the greatest politician of all time, and you will be at best ignored. However, try proclaiming who you think the greatest sportsman or woman in Britain is, and a heated, passionate debate will ensue.

Tonight and every Monday night for 12 weeks, Channel 4, in association with The Times. will ask viewers to assess who is the best British sports personality of this century. The Greatest is a new series offering the opportunity to vote for the greatest sporting hero Britain has produced. Take part and you could win a pair of tickets to one of the big sporting events of 1996, such as the European football championship finals, and the top prize is a dream trip to the

Olympic Games in Atlanta with Daley Thompson as your host

This evening's programme will reveal the shortlisted 20 sportsmen and women bound to stir up controversy in itself - and explain how the sports personalities should be judged. The main aim of the series is to bring some degree of scientific method to the comparisons so that a racing driver can be judged against a cricketer, a

jockey against a footballer. Viewers and readers of The Times will be asked to score each sportsperson in terms of achievement, dominance, style, fortitude and impact. This evening, Daley Thompson, who had the idea for the series, will help to explain the five categories. Fortitude, for

pressure, his will to win, selfcontrol and sporting intelligence. Nigel Mansell might, for example, score more highly in this category than. say, David Gower.

There is no way any viewer will be able to put aside their own prejudices completely example, encompasses the in-dividual's ability to cope with favourite sports — but The Which of our sporting winners outshines all the rest? The Times and Channel 4

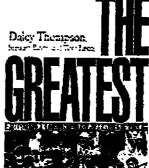
offer you the chance to have the last word

Greatest will open your eyes to achievements and personalities that you may not otherwise have considered worthy of being called great. As Thompson, who could himself be on the final shortlist, says, it is not a personality contest.

Neither is it an opportunity to reward only great sporting achievements of the past 12 months. As all eyes turn to Frank Bruno's World Boxing Council heavyweight bout with Mike Tyson, it will be tempting, particularly should Bruno win, for viewers to clamour for the already popular boxer to be acclaimed the

greatest. Tonight, Thompson will tell viewers to be more dispassionate as they choose who should take that title. The final shortlist contains

sporting figures from the early part of this century as well as those who have recently entered the sporting hall of fame. From next week, two contenders will be profiled in depth over ten programmes and their relative merits discussed by the expert panel of Frances Edmonds, author and broadcaster, Danny Kelly, editor of Total Sport magazine and, each week, a different guest celebrity. Chairing the debate will be



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Gordon Kennedy, best known for presenting The National

From next Monday, each programme will ask you to cast your vote. Readers of The Times can register their scores via the phoneline featured at the end of each programme or use the special entry form which will be printed every

Monday in our sports section. Each week, Channel 4 will give away a pair of tickets to a leading sporting event to the viewer or reader whose vote matches the average mark for that week's profiled sporting personalities. The ten run-ners-up will each receive a signed copy of Thompson's book. The Greatest, which accompanies the series. It is published by Boxtree and retails at £14.99.

At the end of the series, the weekly winners will be given the chance to win that trip to the Olympic Games.

Readers can also experience the heat of the debate firsthand. We are giving away 50 pairs of tickets to watch The Greatest being recorded. The first ten winners drawn will. in addition, win a signed copy of Thompson's book. Simply answer correctly the following question: Who maintained that he was the greatest boxer of all time?

Send your answer on a postcard, or on the back of a sealed envelope, together with your name, address and daytime telephone number to: See the Greatest Competition, PO Box 1413, London NI 8HY. Entries should arrive by March 18. The first ten correct entries drawn after the closing date will win a copy of The Greatest by Daley Thompson, and a pair of tickets to the recording of the show in West London on April 10. The next 40 correct entries will each win a pair of tickets to the show. Expenses are not included. Úsual rules apply for competitions in The Times.

The Greatest will be screened on Mondays at S.30pm on Channel 4, starting tonight,

Humiliating experience in World Cup raises important issues of management and structure

Illingworth unable to draw on his fund of knowledge

in the streets for the homecoming of England's cricketers, no warmly welcoming crowds. Instead, a television poll is asking its viewers whether the captain and manager should lose their jobs and the Test and County Cricket Board has risen to its full height of denunciation and, with staggering originality, set up a working party to discover what is going wrong.

The World Cup campaign, terminated in appropriately tame fashion on Saturday, has been a humiliation. English cricket and its conservatism has been exposed as never before. It may only be one-day cricket, but this was a devastating indictment of outdated coaching, blinkered methods and bungled application. It was so shambolic that some involved may not be seen

again at this level. Raymond Illingworth and Michael Atherton are not flying home under any illusions. Both acknowledge the possi-Atherton's case, this is unduly pessimistic. He is not the ideal captain in limited-overs cricket, for the textbook is dear to him, but he has progressed at Test level, which is more important, and the team has progressed with him. There is also no plausible alternative.

Atherton must stay. Illingworth may survive as chairman of selectors, a position he said yesterday he was determined to maintain this summer. He would be unwise to feel confident. His post as team manager, however, must be relinquished, for here, as never before, were revealed the shortcomings of putting the preparation and tactics of a modern national team in the hands of a man approaching

his pension. Illingworth's bank of cricket wisdom is vast, but, in an arena such as this, too much of

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent,

on the lessons to be learnt from

it was palpably obsolete. As the tournament proceeded, he seemed to sense that he was flailing in the dark and the firmness that has been his strongest virtue declined into woolly management. He would make a point of saying that certain decisions had been left to Atherion and that critical areas of fitness and availability were out of his hands, when plainly they

should not have been. Illingworth cannot alone be held responsible for England's



serious match. He did not have much to work on. The merciless pitches here showed the England bowlers to be lacking in skill and subtlety and the batsmen to be devoid of adventure or conviction. Mix in fielding that ranged from the lamentable to the merely adequate and it was not a recipe to celebrate.

There were, however, distinct and damaging errors, which began with the selection of Neil Fairbrother and Craig White. Neither completed the tournament, but hindsight is unnecessary to reveal the obvious - that both represented too high a fitness risk and that neither is good enough to justify such adventure.

The omission of Dermot Reeve was an aberration. When he did arrive, as a replacement for White, the value of his innovative

a campaign riddled with flaws thoughts had already been lost not, i suspect, that they would have been properly employed, anyway. His allround contribution on Saturday simply indicated, too late, the part he might have played.

> Cork was bewildering. He brought the problems of his right knee into the tournament. He needed nursing. After one match, Illingworth decided Cork should have a cortisone injection and the player was said to have agreed. Two days later, the plan had been abandoned and Cork carried on playing, so his breakdown before the only game that mattered was more a case of bad judgment than

Of all the negative signals from the England camp, none summons of Mark Ramprakash as the replacement for Fairbrother. That he was unlikely to play was not the point. The world was watching with scepticism and England were announcing the recruitment of a failure, one whose reputation, regrettably. is of being unable to cope.

Excuses can be made for the players, fatigue high among them. They have been away for almost five months, which is too long. Everyone says as much, yet nothing is done. Next winter, which could have been used to rest the leading players, now has upwards of four months of touring on the schedule. Madness.

The coming days will see some fanciful names promoted as candidates to succeed Illingworth. None will be lauded louder than Ian Botham and none will be more inappropri-



Jayasuriya, of Sri Lanka, lofts another stroke on his way to 82 against England

ate. Forget the romantic notion, forget the claims that "the olayers want him" and examine his credentials - brilliant player but instinctive and headstrong, weak tactician, hopeless captain, restless and disorganised personality ... need I go on?

More realistic names will be headed by John Emburey, David Lloyd and Phil Neale: men who communicate, organise and innovate, as Bob Woolmer does with South Africa and Bob Simpson with step into the management job

and transform England overnight, because our one-day cricket is moribund from years of neglect. It will stay that way until we stop playing such an absurd amount of it at crawler-lane domestic level and start, instead, to accelerate

Jadeja, whose 45 occupied

sixes off Wagar, 40 runs

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out from fine leg by

Weary England return home

From Michael Henderson in faisalabad

second class

FAISALABAD (England won toss): Sri Lanka beat England

THE air was thick with smoke yesterday as one and all fired off bullets in the war of words that passes for discourse in Pakistan cricket. England's overwhelming defeat was not considered particularly im-portant — and who could gainsay that view? England cared not a hoot for this World Cup and nobody really cared

Compared with the conturnely heat upon Wasim Akram, Michael Atherton and his team can rest easy. Nobody will impugn them for this failure because few people invested much hope in their progress. They can return home after a long, weary winter and dream of what the summer might bring. In a few

cases, it will not bring much. In Sri Lanka, whose side is becoming the team of this tournament, there will be joy. This could have been a shocking World Cup for them and ie manner in which inev have responded to adversity has been a delight. They gave England a spanking and we should all rejoice for their cricket has pride romance

and daring.

England, by contrast, are the suburban commuters of the world, who want their egg and chips on the table at the same time every night. It is symptomatic of how far they have fallen that this result occasioned little surprise, though an alternative view. that Šri Lanka have developed significantly even in the past year, should be tendered. This was a victory for true cricket-

ers over journeymen. There was a significant moment early in Sri Lanka's search for 236. Jayasuriya, their exuberant opener, had already hit DeFreitas twice for sixes down the ground when he lifted the bowler for the tallest six the fielders had ever seen to bring up the 100 from

strated the triumph of flair over mediocrity. Jayasuriya took 22 off that over and DeFreitas retired to the outfield, as Illingworth and Gough had done before him. Thank goodness for Jayasuriya, whose extraordinary 82 from 44 balls breathed life into a day that lacked any sense of occasion.

Atherton, Hick, Thorpe and Stewart were all complicit in their dismissals. Smith, run Jayasuriya's direct hit, might have been unlucky to receive the third umpire's uncharitable decision, but he is not exactly Billy Whizz between That England were able to

set any target was entirely down to DeFreitas. To everybody's astonishment, not least his own, he batted at No 5 and managed his first half-century in 102 one-day internationals. Atherton's view that defeat

came not "through lack of effort or preparation" is risible. Preparation? What was Fairbrother doing out there in been fit for three years. Why did England use four different pairs of openers? How much "effort" is required to bowl and field as abysmally as they did throughout the tourna-

DETAILS

TODAY: Quarter-finals (all limes GIAT) South Africa v West Indies (harachi 04 00). Australia v New Zeeland (Madras, 09.00) Television times; Live coverage of both matches (Sky Sports, from 03.45). Highlights of both matches (BBC2, 23.15).

Mar 13: Sri Lanka v (ndia, Calcutta (09.00). Mar 14: Karachi winner v Madras winner, Chandigarh (09.00)

In the end, Sri Lanka threw them a few fish. Tillekeratne and Mahanama used their time at the crease as a net after they had conceded some unnecessary wickets. They won with 9.2 overs to spare, but, as the last 38 runs occupied a dozen overs, they achieved victory pulling up.

trunk of soiled baggage. Apart from DeFreitas's innings, Martin howled steadily and Russell effected a neat stumping. England have contributed nothing to this competition and will not be missed.

There is not much that Atherton can do about such inadequacy, though he might make a start by acting more graciously. It would not have Jayasuriya off the field. Nor is Illingworth solely culpable. although members of the Test and County Cricket Board may be less forgiving.

The fault, dear Brutus, lies not in our stars, but in ourselves, that we are underlings." England are now the underlings of the Test-playing countries. The fact is that they should not lose matches such as this in such a humiliating manner. Deleat should sting. It is doubtful whether these pampered, uncompetitive cricketers felt a thing.

Oliver to avoid new outbreak of civil war

English cricket can breathe a sigh of relief. Dennis Oliver, the revolutionary who three years ago forced MCC to vote on the competence of the England selectors after they omitted David Gower from a team to tour India. will not be taking up arms as crisis engulfs the summer game.

That is not to say Oliver does not think all his old complaints are still valid. We are still paying the price for what Graham Gooch and Micky Stewart did to Gower," he said vesterday. People say that we have not got a No 3 hatsman, but we had one and perhaps if Gower had known Illingworth would come on the scene he might

not have retired." Oliver says England's problems are a dearth of talent and mismanagement at the top. "I'm sure they're hard-working, but administrators seem more interested in forming committees, corporate hospitality and flying off around the world than in cricket." he said.

Leading edge

There may be other roots to England's problems. "Any nation which made a woman its ruler never pros-



pered," a Muslim religious Maulana cleric. Nagshbandi, said yesterday. He was reacting to Paki-stan's defeat by India and thinking of Benazir Bhutto, but his argument could explain the decline of English cricket between 1979 and 1990, when Mrs Thatcher was batting for Britain.

Money matters

Not satisfied with staging this World Cup, the Pakistan board covers the next one. "Let's face it," a board official said. "This World Cup has confirmed that the centre of cricket now is the Indian sub-continent, because this is where the money is. It's all very well to say the World Cup will rotate geographically. Yes it will provided the price is right ... Nevertheless, the International Cricket Council. has confirmed that the 1999 World Cup will indeed

be in England.

India ride wave of rare passion with a pulled leg muscle.

FROM ALAN LEE

BANGALORE (India won toss): India beat Pakistan by

THIS was the day when the World Cup justified itself. An event with unanswerable convictions for its structure and logistics staged an occasion of alarming volatility and came out smiling. The cup was not won here on Saturday night. but India's victory over Pakistan was celebrated with a fervour born of passions deeper than even cricket can arouse.

Within moments of this quarter-final ending, the skyline was lit up like Bonfire Night. The ears were assailed. first by firecrackers and then by whooping and whistling from cars, trucks and overloaded motorcycles cruising the streets in wild, triumphal

processions. It was not entirely peaceful. Arrests were made for drunkenness and there was some skirmishing between police and revellers - but these were minor affrays. Fires blazed in the stadium, symbols of victory over enemies rather than rivals. If the result had been different, so too might have been the fires.

This was not a day of joy

and harmony. More than any

match I have seen, this game

stimulated something beyond

partisanship, a seething con-

tained only by the "right" result. There were enough signs, on and off the field, of what might have developed. The Bangalore crowd.

55,000 strong, was utterly graceless. Pakistan's boundaries, half-centuries and wickets were subjected to stony silence and their players. when fielding, to a stream of fruit and plastic bottles, among a few more solid objects. The game was stopped several times and Raman Subba Row, the match referee. had to mobilise the police.

The discernible tension between the teams had one unpleasant flashpoint. Aamir Sohail first goaded the India seam bowler. Venkatesh Prasad, and was then dispatched with a startling round of abuse when dismissed next ball. David Shepherd and Steve Bucknor, who umpired this difficult assignment mas-

duel. Prasad's second spell of three for 20 turned the game India's way when it had seemed that Sohail would 62 from the last five overs. claim an indelible triumph. Sohail was captain for the day and a stand-in can seldom have had such a sense of national duty pressed upon Wasim Akram had decided

terfully, moved in quickly to

defuse the situation.

It had been a significant

that it would be folly to play when patently unfit. Pakistan missed him sorely, not least in the initial stages of the India innings when Sohail surrendered control by withdrawing Wagar Younis after four magnificent overs. Sachin Tendulkar had been becalmed. Wagar was supreme. But after that one, misguided change, nothing was the same again.

Tendulkar never sparkled. but Navjot Sidhu, hobbling

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have been achieved. But adrenalin sometimes cannot be resisted. First Anwar and then Sohail were out to slogs and, as the shamefully silent crowd reawoke, so too did India's selfbelief. Prasad's spell plucked out liaz Ahmed and Inzamam. as well as Sohail, and suddenly it was down to Salim Malik and Javed Miandad. Pakistan's dreams then died

slowly and sadly, expiring as Miandad's run-out was referred to the third umpire. Here was one of the landmark moments, as the old warrior squinted into the night, fearfully awaiting the red light not only on an innings, a match and a competition, but on a

SCOREBOARD FROM FAISALABAD

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first step in footprints of Johnson

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

HE HAS Michael Johnson's middle name, or thereabouts, and now he has one of his records. Du'aine Ladejo retained his European indoor 400 metres championship yesterday, beating the track record held by Michael Duane Johnson What did taking Johnson's record mean to him? "First step to the man," Ladejo replied.

The road is long to the multiple world champion, but at least Ladejo is back off the hard shoulder after a ham-string injury effectively wiped out 1995, when he was seeking to build on his 1994 European indoor and outdoor titles. The opposition was weak, but a personal best of 46.12sec. becoming the first athlete to retain the title and the biggest winning margin for 23 years combined to satisfy him.

"I was very relaxed, very confident," Ladejo said. There is a lot more in there it felt like a stroll." He would have broken 46 seconds had he been able to resist the temptation to raise an arm in triumph 15 metres from the line, and keep it raised.

Johnson's track record of 46.29sec had stood for live years. He set it in 1991, going on to win his first world title that summer. Ladejo cannot wait for summer, to improve his best outdoor time, which does not do justice to his talent. His fastest is 44.94sec. the British record is 44.47sec and, he said, 44,30sec "would be nice" before going to the Olympics in Atlanta.

There. Ladejo believes, it will take 44.10sec to win a medal, so he needs to cut down his best by almost a second. He knows where some of the difference is coming from. One of my worst attributes was my concentration, he said. The positioning of my head, the positioning of my body. I am thinking more to make sure each stride is

Britain won four medals, three on the last day, in championships. which are more a platform for emerging. fading or second-tier talent than a showcase for Europe's strengths. Jason John, in the 60 metres on Saturday, Anthony Whiteman, in the 1,500 metres yesterday and Francis Agyepong, in the triple jump

chance for a silver medal. Whiteman was unable to stop the Spanish fleet controlling the middle-distance waters after Roberto Parra had won the 800 metres and Anacleto Jimenez the 3,000 metres. Although he took up the running 750 metres from home. Whiteman was beaten by the finishing kick of Mateo Canellas, the 1995 world indoor silver medal-winner.

Britain thus lost its grip on a title won in 1992 by Matthew Yates and in 1994 by David Strang. Whiteman appears to lack a finish, though he is not convinced and, for the time being at least, will resist enlisting a specialist sprint coach to complement his work with Chris Bowman, his regular coach.

'I'm a little disappointed.' Whiteman said. "I thought I had a good chance to win. Maybe I could have run it the same way I ran against Russia." On that occasion, leading from the first bend, he won in 3min 39.47sec. Yesterday, he recorded 3min 44.78sec Canellas's 3min

Agyepong jumped 16.93 metres, four centimetres behind Maris Bruziks, of Latvia, to championship medal. Aged 30, Agyepong has more than once appeared in the food and drink section of The Times. He is now a chef at Christopher's in the West End, but it was while he was at Smith's, south London, that The Times critic said he had "an original touch and a measure of inspiration". His triple jump yesterday was in the class of his mutton broth, which, apparently, is

Ladejo takes | Academician pitches up in Cumbria



Andrew Longmore meets the coach who lured Shane Warne

off the beach and into a career in cricket

f the Test and County Cricket Board is serious A about improving the national cricket team after the fiasco of the World Cup, it could do no better than knock on the door of a little cottage down a side-street of a Cumbrian town. There it will find Jack Potter, founding coach of the Australian Cricket Academy, which has been at the heart of Australia's revival.

Potter arrived in England last week to pass on to the boys of Sedbergh College the knowledge that has taken players like Shane Warne, Michael Bevan and Michael Slater to the peak of their profession. Nine years ago, Potter began with an idea, a little sponsorship and the strong feeling that something must be done about the state of Australian cricket; now, the Adelaide-based academy is the most productive cricketing factory in the world. Potter would be glad to help the

Sitting in an office above the handsome indoor centre at Sedbergh, Potter was full of tales about those pioneering days and of his first unpromising meeting with Warne.

"He arrived at the academy about two weeks late and he was very striking, as he is now. Bleached blond hair, earring, a bit fat, but very charming. Full of all this Jack' and I remember thinking: "This one's a comman." He asked if I minded if he smoked. I said I did. But we went down to the nets and I told him to show me what he could do. Well, the first ball came down and it bounced and turned. I could hear it fizzing." Warne, though, was



Potter, on the steps of the Sedbergh pavilion, passes on his cricketing philosophy. Photograph: Carl Rutherford

not sure whether he could stand the intense physical training that is central to Potter's philosophy.

At the time, Warne's diet consisted of bread, cheese and lager. He wanted to think about it. Potter knew delay would be fatal and persuaded the brash beach boy to accept a place there and then. Warne perfected the flipper bowling a tennis ball down the corridor of the academy's hostel.

"He has big hands, you see, and he's very strong across the shoulders, but more than anything else, he's got a natural loop in his delivery. He's just a phenomenal natural bowler," Potter said.

By the end of the summer, it will be a surprise if a few Victorian vowels have not infiltrated the public school accents and a few typically aggressive Aussie attitudes diluted the doctrine of the MCC coaching manual. Potter arrived barely a week ago, with his wife Lorraine, but he

has already noted the reluctance of his new charges to attack the ball.

They push forward, play with bat behind the pad, then wait for a few seconds to analyse the shot. When I used to bowl to Michael Bevan, he would just put his foot down the wicket and smash me over mid-wicket David Hookes was the same. He wanted to make spinners frightened to bowl at him in case they got hit." Quickness of thought, speed of foot, in the field and at the wicket, these are the

Potter maxims. Neither party in this unlike deal can quite believe their luck. Potter, because he has landed in a rural Cumbrian idyll with real enthusiasm around him; Sedbergh, because one of the world's most authoritative cricket coaches has brought fresh impetus to the school's quest for allround sporting excellence. Sedbergh boasts more than 30

rugby internationals, includ-

ing Will Carling, and just one Test cricketer, Norman Mitchell-laves.

We want to ensure that we are attracting some of the best young cricketers to the school and we're absolutely delighted to have someone of Jack's calibre here to help do that," Christopher Hirst, the headmaster, said. "The fact that he's coached most of the Australian team gives him real credibility. He'll be ideal for the boys.

Considering that two months ago. Potter was vainly searching maps of England trying to find signs of dbergh (he still pronounces it like Edberg), his arrival shows the speed with which an idle conversation at a centenary dinner turned to reality. Potter said he was interested in coaching in England, contact was made with the Headmasters Conference Schools (HMC) and David Walsh, chairman of HMC

looking for a new coach. Potter's only stipulation was that he should be based in the north, close to his English Test protégés, Jason Gallian and Craig White. Within weeks, he had rent-

ed out his house in Adelaide and leased his food business. He even found an "approved ancestor". his grandfather. Thomas Welborn Potter, who was born in York, to ease the passage of his work per-

Potter's one previous visit to England was on Australia's 1964 tour, when he scored 741 runs without playing a Test. He never did play Test cricket. but his influence has been far more fundamental.

At the age of 57, hair greying, spirit still sharp as the Cumbrian wind. Potter is more than willing to share his wealth of experience with anyone prepared to listen. The boys will be entranced. By July, they will be able to spot Warne's flipper a mile away.

Play-off put # on ice as police step in after 58 seconds

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By NORMAN DE MESQUITA

FOR the second time this eason, police have become involved in an ice hockey match at Crowtree Leisure Centre in Sunderland. They were called to the rink on Saturday after an incident during the pre-game warm-up for the British championship play-off game between Durham Wasps and Humberside

As a result of the incident, Bruce Bell, of the Hawks, who previously played for the Wasps, was taken to hospital with concussion, a broken nose and damage to his teeth. The game was only 58sec old. with the Hawks leading 1-0, when the police arrived and instructed the referee to stop the game and send the players to their dressing rooms for

When it became apparent that the questioning would take some time, the referee, having contacted Frank Dempster, the British Ice Hockey Association (BIHA) disciplinary chairman for advice, abandoned the game.

The police arrested four Humberside players for an alleged assault on the Durham captain, but he later withdrew his complaint and the players were released. The two Durham players arrested, Ross Lambert and Jonathan Weaver, were not charged, but were released on police bail to reappear on April 2. The game will be restaged this week and the 1,100 spectators who were at the abandoned game can use their original tickets or claim a refund.

In the games that were played, Sheffield Steelers were beaten by Basingstoke Bison, Nottingham Panthers narrowly beat Fife Flyers and the victorious Cardiff Devils' goaltender, Stevie Lyle, held Newcastle Warriors scoreless.

in the promotion-relegation play-offs, Milton Keynes Kings and Slough Jets, the bottom two clubs in the premier division, easily beat Guildford Flames and Dumfries Border Vikings, of the first division, and there were wins for Manchester Storm and Bracknell Bees.

Yeovil arrest steep decline

St Albans City1

By Walter Gammie

IT IS one of the ironies of ten years of "automatic" promotion and relegation that Yeovil Town's long-held goal of reaching the Football League has become more distant than in the days of election and re-Having recovered their

Vauxhall Conference place after three years in the Isthmian League in 1988, sold the Huish and its famed slope to Tesco and moved to the standard-setting Huish Park in 1990, all should have been set fair — yet the enthusiasm overreached the budget to the tune of £900,000 and instead condemned Yeovil to a succession of precarious seasons in the Conference before being relegated to the Icis League last season. "It's been a case of the bank manager saying I will have that, the football

chairman, said. The club can "now at least

see the end of the tunnel" according to Moore, helped notably by the 1993 FA Cup third-round tie with Arsenal, the sales of Mark Shall to Bristol City and Malcolm McPherson to West Ham United, recent refinancing through a share issue and the loyalty of 2,000 supporters. The debt has been reduced to around E250,000.

That something is stirring on the pitch as well could be judged by the crowd of 2,758, Yeovil's largest of the season, that were drawn to Huish Park on Saturday. Confirmation of Yeovil's growing threat in a tightly-contested division could have been underlined by beating the league leaders.

Instead, Yeovil, caught out by a 35-yard free kick by Allan Cockram, the St Albans player-manager, on the stroke of half-time, had to work their way back into the match.

manager saying please can I have that," Bryan Moore, the Almost inevitably, the snowy head of their own playermanager helped to bring them

> Engwell, having forced a corner with a shot from the near-exact spot from which Cockram scored, swung the ball onto the distinctive brow of Graham Roberts, who nodded back for Seymour to head in a 52nd minute equaliser.

> With Seymour and Steve Browne, restored to midfield after long absences, gradually taking control, Yeovil finished with the upper hand and looked forward confidently to a run of matches against the division's lesser lights before a tough run-in is capped with a potential showdown against Enfield on the final day of the

YEOVIL TOWN (4-3-3): A Pennock — L Francs, P Nugent, G Roberts, M Engwell — S Browne, C Seymour (sub K Braybrooke, 77mm), G Kermp — M St Hilaire, D Birkby, L Whale (sub. K Dillon, 87): ST ALBANS CITY (4-1-4-1): G Howells — A Polston, S Websier, K Mudd, M Howard — J Daly — R Blake (sub: B Blacchan, 67mm), M Biggers (sub: M Gurney, 74), A Cocksam, R Palers — S Clark, Referes: K Tomanics.

Crutchley inspires comeback

By Sydney Friskin

ROBERT CRUTCHLEY restored Cannock's fortunes twice yesterday in the National League hockey match at Chiswick, where Hounslow eventually lost 3-2 to the championship leaders.

Hounslow took the lead first through Nurse, from a short corner, and later with Fordham's goal from open play. Crutchley's second equaliser from a short corner was followed by a penalty stroke converted by Edwards six minutes from time.

Southgate came from behind twice to share four goals at home with East Grinstead in a match full of speed and commitment. Griffiths put East Grinstead in front from Head's pass in the 23rd minute. Southgate responding two minutes later with Kerry scoring on the rebound from their first short corner of the

Seven minutes into the second half. Gibson restored East Grinstead's lead from their fourth short corner, but, in the 56th minute, Waugh levelled the score from a similar award. Southgate, who drop to fourth in the table, will be rueing a miss in the first 20 seconds of the match, when only a lucky deflection depriv-

ing Simons of a goal.

Don Williams scored three goals for Guildford, the first from a short corner, in the 7-1 defeat of Indian Gymkhana, who will now be relegated to the second division. Trojans retained only a slim chance of survival after a surprise 1-0 victory on Saturday over Old Loughtonians.
Reading had little trouble in

a 3-1 home win against Hull, for whom Boddy levelled Ashdown's seventh-minute goal. Osborn restored Reading's lead in the 29th minute from a penalty stroke and added another goal from a short corner six minutes before the end.

Dominic Maguire, of Brooklands, was taken to hospital with an eye injury after being struck by the ball in the 67th minute in the second division match against Olton and West Warwickshire. Brooklands emerged with a 2-I victory.

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Carling's surprise resignation leaves no natural successor

ill Carling, who has captained a national would be nearly 34. rugby union team more often than anyone in the history of the game, said yesterday that he will leave his post in charge of England next Saturday on his "own terms". There cannot be much doubt that the Twickenham crowd that greeted him as Captain Courageous against Australia in 1988 will applaud him to the echo when the final whistle goes on the game with Ireland.

Not that Carling, who announced his decision via the columns of a Sunday newspaper - par for the course these days, though not when he was appointed — is to quit the game. Indeed, he hopes to maintain his place in the national side and has yet to rule out the possibility of playing in a third World Cup

"I would like to believe it's

about right for me and for England," Carling, 30, said at Twickenham yesterday, less than 24 hours after he had revealed his decision to playing colleagues and the England management. The manner of his departure from the post he has occupied in 58 of his 65 England internationals, however, leaves a question hanging in the air over his relationship with Jack Rowell, the team manager.

Carling has turned over in his mind the decision for most of this season, ever since the debate, in fact, which blew up in September over whether Rowell wanted him to continue in his post or not. He discussed it with his agent, Jon Holmes, the former England

Harlequins

By DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

scrum half would have chosen

to go. After 14 years of faithful

service to his club and to the

London division, a record

Championship is the most

Bates, 33 and capped once

by England in 1989, is due to

move to Newcastle in a fort-

night, where he will take up

his new post as coach to the

club now run by his former

half back colleague, Rob An-

drew. Wasps have a couple of friendlies this week and re-

sume league action against

Sale on March 23, when,

technically, Bates will still be

It is his view that the club

should field the XV against

Sale that they will require in the testing encounter against

Leicester on April 6. Only a good end-of-season run will

give them a place in the top four of the first division that,

subject to amendments made

by the Rugby Football Union

or the senior clubs, is regarded

dy next season

Thus Bates, one of the key

components in Wasps' ener-

getic search for a flowing

game, walked quietly off the

muddy Sudbury pitch and towards his new life as a

professional sports coach. It is

a credit to him, and his club, however, that a season that started with such disruption

(the loss to Newcastle not only

of Andrew but of the club

captain, Dean Ryan, the Irish

prop. Nick Popplewell, and

centre, Graham Childs) will

end with them still contesting

a place among England's elite.

that position remains to be

resolved. Some close to the

club believe that every passing

day leaves their players prey to external forces, to clubs with

immediate access to more

lucrative playing contracts

than Wasps appear able to

afford. The Wasps executive

has, however, expressed confi-

dence in its ability to fund not

Whether they can sustain

as the pre-requisite for Euro-

available

modest of farewells.

David Hands, rugby correspondent, considers the leading contenders in the race to take over the captaincy of England

man who plucked him from comparative obscurity - and few close friends before arriving at his verdict within 36 hours of England's victory over Scotland on March 2.

Yesterday, he was generous in his praise of Cooke, who himself left what he described as the "goldfish bowl" of management in March 1994. The intense scrutiny under which Carling has come, not necessarily for rugby reasons, has been hard to stomach, but he stressed that his personal entanglements had played no part in his decision.

"I think England should appoint a captain for the next

World Cup and I don't know if I will be around for that," he said. "It's hard to decide whether to give up something which means so much to me, but I like to think I can offer something to whoever fol-

Carling is sure to depart on a wave of affection. Whatever his tiffs with authority notably the brief period last May over the "57 old farts" remark made about the Rugby Football Union (RFU) committee on a television programme for which he was relieved of the captaincy — and the jeal-ousy which has accompanied a business career built on his England leadership, the rugby

public appreciates the image he has given the sport. That, in turn, will boost his

image for the foreseeable future, particularly if his team can give him a triple crown with which to sign off. "His timing has been like his passes, absolutely brilliant," Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said. Moreover, Carling can discover the joy of being merely" a player and, on his form this season, there is no reason to suppose he has not a couple more good years of international rugby left.

"I had no hestitation in making him captain," Rowell said. "He has been a legend in English rugby and it's difficult

of his successor, however, will not easily be answered. though England, with no commitment until the game against Italy on November 23, have all summer to ponder the

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Tim Rodber, with an Army ckground, like Carling, was a front-runner before an indifferent World Cup and inconsistent form this season; Ben Clarke's leadership of the pack has been called into question this season and Dean Richards, who is optimistic about playing against Ireland, would not be a long-term solution. Carling, though, will prize the Leicester man's enco-

"He is a person who, in my eyes, has set an example and people have followed him

to envisage things without him · because of the high standards at the moment." The question he has set," Richards, whose support for Carling during the cricis of last May, set the tone for the entire England squad, said. "He has been a great, inspirational captain."

> The forward-looking candilate would be Lawrence Dallaglio, at 23 almost as youthful now as Carling was in 1988, with Martin Johnson, a cast-iron certainty in the second row, as the darkest of horses. Dallaglio has impressed everyone at Wasps with the way he has taken over as club captain at short notice. To offer him the captaincy now, when he is still settling into the demands of a new position at open-side flanker, leave alone the international arena, would be a heavy

burden but he is developing.

like Carling, broad shoulders.

FACTFILE

1965: Born Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire 1984: Captains England at 18-group deleat by France. November Becomes youngest English captain in 57 years when leading England to victory over Austrolia

when leading engand to victory over Australia. 1991: Leads England to first grand stam for 11 years in March, followed by deleas in the World Cup first against Australia at Twickenham in November.

1982: Awarded OBE in New Year Honours List Captains England to second grand starn. 1993: Makes British Isles debut in first test against New Zealand. 1994: Breaks world record for international appearances as captain with his 37th egainst Scotland at Munayfield. Wins fitteth cap for England, against Propositie

Wins liftieth cap for England, against Romania 1995: Captains England to third grand starn. Loses England captaincy after criticism of RPU committee in television programme, but reinstated two days later. Leads England to fourth place in World Cup in South Africa. 1996: Anounces decision to relanquish England captaincy after match against Ireland, his 59th in charge.

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By GERALD DAVIES

NEATH are in irresistible

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er any is doing so with the

enterprise and vision of the

club from the Gnoil. This

season, they have stepped up a

gear and are, quite simply,

No longer is it just their

loyal band of followers who

come to enjoy. There were

those at John Smith's Brewery

Field on Saturday, for this

Heineken League first divi-

sion match, who had no allegiance to the visitors but

who were so intoxicated by

Neath's swift movement and

variety that, were they not

such solid Bridgend support-

ers, they might have been

tempted to decamp down the

road and follow Neath

It is a new experience for

warmth. Even in their success-

ful days in the early Nineties,

when they won trophies al-

most at will, they were viewed

with a cold detachment. Not

Their rugby is all-embrac-

ing, from the confident and

adventurous Richard Jones at

full back to John Davies in the

front row. They have good

hands and know when and

how to give and take a pass. This art is elegantly exemplified in the style of Funnell and Davies in midfield.

With the Llewellyn brothers

winning abundant possession

from the lineout, plenty was

seen of Funnell and Davies

and little of their opposite

numbers, James and Thomas,

both of whom nonetheless had

enough moments to demon-

strate that there are some

exciting young players emerg-

If the match stuttered at the

start. Neath deployed their

tactics cleverly - sometimes driving at the mauls or gain-

ing the upper hand in the

scrums - and gradually grew

ing in Wales.

in authority.

any more.

exciting to watch.

Newcastle pay price for blazing open trail

By BRYAN STILES

NEWCASTLE, who led the stampede into professionalism with all the bravado of the pioneers who opened up the West, must feel they are being attacked by Indians at almost every turn on the trail.

Their high-profile, highlypaid players are adding thousands more spectators to the gates at away games, spectators who roar on the home team in a cup-tie atmosphere that can be disconcerting when all Newcastle are doing is trying to scrap it out at the bottom of the Courage Clubs Championship second

There were times, in this match on Saturday, when it seemed that the burden of being front-runners in the dash into professionalism was proving irksome to Newcastle. They were too edgy to properly utilise the talent in their ranks. They should have been capable of running up 50 points against a Bedford team carrying at least II reserve players, yet, in reality, they were made to struggle too often for

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strong and Doddie Weir, the Scotland internationals, making splendid debuts, Newcastle should have been riding high Instead, weakened Bedford staged frequent ambushes that, with a smidgen of good fortune, would have realised two or three tries. Bedford had the advantage of enthusiasm. Newcastle seemed weighed down with the problem of having to look professional.

It is a problem Bedford would love to have to grapple with. They ran a spoof advertisement in the club magazine inviting applications for the post of club millionaire. The successful applicant would presumably fund the markettown club's aspirations to buy a job lot of forwards, at least to keep them battling in the second division. Unfortunately, their wholesome image took a knock when they had to suspend six players last week for "horseplay" at the team's hotel when playing in Scotland last weekend.

They are likely to lose players to their powerful neighbours, Leicester and Northampton. Peter Wheeler, the Leicester chief executive, was at Goldstone Road on Saturday.

Bedford's only scores were two penalties from Tapper. Armstrong opened his league account when he pounced on a loose ball behind the line in the nineteenth minute and laid on a try for Tony Underwood early in the second half. Newcastle's third try came from a swerving burst that carried Cassidy through a thicket of defenders. Andrew converted all three and added a penalty

Andrew, meanwhile, is taking the rugby revolution further by organising a seven-aside tournament for the end of the season, which is scheduled to include Wigan rugby league

Club.

SCORERS: Bediord: Panalty goals: Tapper (2) Newcastle: Tries: Armstrong. Cassely, Underwood: Conversions: Andrew.

BEDFORD: M Rechup: P Allen, F Clough, M Oliver. J Chandler, A Tapper, B Hyder P Gerrett, P Sermonds, C Roberts, M Deens, M Upex, R Thomson, P Alston, M Rennell Sngh, Basta temporary replacement for Garrett (4-7mm).

NEWCASTLE: P Belgran, M Wissen, R Wilson, J Fletcher, T Underwood: R Wilson, G Amstrong: M Long, N Frankland, P Vanzandvilet, P Walton, J Doon, G Weir, S Cassidy, R Amold, Walton replaced by A Hetherngton (32); G Robson temporary replacement for Armstrong (22-28mn).

Referee: D Matthews (Liverpool).

Muted farewell to veteran scrum half after resounding win by Harlequins

Record defeat mars departure of Bates



Orugboh, the Wasps forward, makes a clean lineout catch in the match against Harlequins at Sudbury. Photograph: Marc Aspland

only club refurbishments but players' salaries, although no public declaration of intent seems likely before the end of this month.

Wasps have a crop of promising youngsters, of whom two, Joe Worsley and Dugald Macer, made league debuts as replacements against Harlequins. It is important that they retain them. A successful run through April will help, but that will not happen unless they can establish greater presence than they offered on

Saturday. Harlequins prospered the longer this scrappy match went on. During a particularly testy period, Richard Pool-Jones, the Wasps flanker, received a yellow card for dangerous use of the boot, but Harlequins rose above it to complete a league double against Wasps for the first time. Indeed, it was only their fourth league win over them in

nine years. It combined a degree of pragmatism with some welljudged running, notably from Will Greenwood, who has made significant strides this season. It ended with a flurry of points in the final quarter, when Harlequins doubled their tally with three smart tries, including two by Daren O'Leary that take him to an aggregate of 19 for the season and confirm his standing as a thrusting young wing.

Harlequins play in a style that, according to Kevin Richardson, their coach, will earn material reward next season: "In future, the clubs who play attractive, dynamic rugby will be the ones to earn the loot from television and that may be the catalyst to move the game forward in the way Jack Rowell (the England team

manager] wants."

Harlequins are also seeing an improvement in their young forwards: Alex Snow and Gareth Allison showed

their maturing skills, even when the influential Chris Sheasby left the field with a twisted knee that is not expected to affect his availability for the A international with Ire-

land next Friday. Snow, in particular, helped Harlequins to a healthy lineout return and the Wasps scrum was invariably under pressure. They missed the physical presence of Damian Hopley in midfield through a hamstring injury and the authority of Lawrence Dallaglio, their young captain.

Had Harlequins possessed a consistent goalkicker, their advantage would have been

Revitalised pack

even greater, but that has been their Achilles' heel all season. in the absence of David Pears. however, Challinor is showing greater incisiveness from stand-off half and claimed the final try himself.

firnal try hirnself.

SCORERS: Wasps: Panally goal: Greg-ory, Hartequins: Tries: O'Leary (2), Brom-ley, Cratifror. Conversion: Walshe, Penally goals: Challinor (3). Dropped goal: Challinor. Scholer, N Greenstock, A James, L Scraser, G Gregory, S Bates; D Molloy, K Dunn, I Dunston, M White, A Crugbon, R Kinsey, R Poot-Jones, C Wilsins. White replaced by D Mace (71) HARLECURNS: J Stoples: D O'Leary, W Greenwood, G Harrison, S Bromley, P Challinor, N Walsher; S Brown, S Mitchell, A Mutins, G Alison, A Snow, M Watson, R Jenikhs, C Sheasby, Sheasby replaced by I Prickup (Sprint), Snow temporanty replaced by Pickup (18-31).

falling over the line. Surrey

were penalised under the

posts and, with four minutes

remaining, Tim Smith kicked the easy, but decisive, penalty

goal.
SCORERS: Surrey: Try: J Davies. Conversion: Pilgrim. Penelty goels: Pilgrim (2).
Gloucestershire: Tries: Neimes., Clink.
Penalty goels: T Smith (2).
SURREY: S Pilgrim (Camberley): P Greenwood (Richmond). A Holder (Rosslyn Park). B Brosch (Old Wimbledonars), N Welshe, [Hartequires: J Hoad (Camberley): C Greville (Dortong): D Perrett (Rosslyn Park). M Peopler (Parlequires). J Device (Esher). I Pictop (Hartequires). J Device (Camberley), B Millerer (Gune) University). P Brady (Esher), W Murphy (Warlingham). Holder replaced by G Allison, Herfequire (45min).

The first try was opportunistic, taking advantage of a Bridgend mistake, with Boobyer driving over from the side of a ruck, but Steve Williams executed a brilliant scissors in the centre for Boobyer's second and, for the fourth, Leigh Davies broke clear on a 50-metre run before giving Richard Jones the

Neath received maximum points to go into third position behind Pontypridd and Llanelli. A top-four finish would mean that they will compete in Europe next season. For the moment, however, there is a more valuable contribution to make: they are lifting the quality of the game in Wales.

SCORERS: Bridgend: Try: Wilders Pen-alty goal: Griffiths. Neeth: Tries: Hogs: (2), 8000yer (2), Richard Jones, Evans, Robin Jones, Funnell. Conversion: Funnell. Pen-alty goal: Horgan BREDGEND: C Bradshaw, J Reynolds, G Thomas, D James, G Wilkins; L Griffiths, R Jones; D Francis, I Greenstade, S Gele, J Forster, G Rowlands, S Ford, N Thomas, A Williams

Witiams
NEATH: Richard Jones; C Higgs, L Davies,
J Funnell, G Evans; P Witiams, P Hoger, D
Morrie, B Williams, J Davies, Robin Jones,
Gyn Llewellyn, Gareth Llewellyn, I Boobyer,
S Witiams. L Davies replaced by G Davies
(75mm); B Williams replaced by K Allen
(70); J Davies replaced by M Morgan (72);
Gareth Llewellyn replaced by A Kembury
(71)

Fickle fortunes find Irish in anguish

London Irish

By PETER BILLS

EXPECTING the Irish to do the expected is often tanta-

mount to folly. A people of glorious inspiration, they do not feel comfortable in a situation that requires grinding predictability. Hence the expression of anguish writ large on the face of the Exiles' coach, Clive Woodward, at the end of this extraordinary match at The Reddings.

London Irish, certain of promotion to the Courage Clubs Championship first division if they win their last five matches of the season, so nearly lost a game they ought to have won at a canter. They thrashed the team from the Midlands 49-8 at Sunbury earlier in the season and led 23-9 early in the second half on Saturday.

Therefore, given their love of the unexpected, it should not have been surprising that they finished the game hanging on desperately. Victory, by two goals and five penalty goals to two goals and four penalties, was a roller-coaster ride of fluctuating form and emotions that owed much to Corcoran's 19 points.

Woodward, who described

knows that first-division rugby is so near yet tantalisingly so far, with London Scottish breathing down Irish necks, but the club plans reinforcements and will talk to the Ireland international lock, Gabriel Fulcher, this week.

erratic performances such as this could deny Irish the great prize. From what should have been a position of control, they let Moseley back into the game. Langley dominated the lineouts after half-time, the back row began to win copious supplies of second-phase ball and the Moseley backs at last threatened.

Woodward is aware that

Chudleigh's converted try brought Moseley back to 19-23. Corcoran's fourth and fifth penalty goals made it 29-19 and Ball's fine late converted try took Moseley so close. Earlier, Kerr's solid kicking had been Moseley's only riposte to tries by Peters and Walsh.

SCORERS: Moseley: Tries: Chudleigh, Bell. Conversions: Kerr (2). Penelty goals: Kerr (4). London Irish: Tries: Peters, Walsh. Conversions: Corcoran (2). Penelty goals: Conversions (5). Kerr (4). London Iriah' Tries: Petters, wasn. Conversions: Corcoran (2). Penalty goals: Corcoran (5). MOSELEY: A Kerr, D Henson, M Smallcombe, J Bonney, D Wildinson: A Houston, M Chudleigh; S McKinnon, D Bell, N Webber, J Noble, N Floscher, B Langley, M Ord, S Owen LORDON MISSH: C O'Shea; M Corcoran, R Henderson, P Flood, J Bishop, S Burns, T Ewington; I. Mooney, R Kellarn, G Halpin, A Dougan, D Peters, A Meadows, C Bird, B Watsh.

Adventurous style lifts Watsonians

Edinburgh Acads6

By MARK SOUSTER

GAVIN HASTINGS went west yesterday to begin his American football odyssey; whether he returns to Myreside, as he maintains he will, remains to be seen, but the old warhorse departed for Atlanta with a snort and a few reminders of his prowess. There were even the Scottish Claymores cheerleaders entertaining the crowd before the kick-off.

In many ways, this delayed tie in the third round of the Tennents 1556 Cup was reminiscent of the previous week's international at Murrayfield, with Watsonians taking the role of Scotland and Edinburgh Academicals that of England. The difference was the visitors did not have a player of Dean Richards's stature and thus they foundered.

Academicals' reputation has been achieved on the back of a powerful if onepaced pack, which is happy to grind out victories. The trouble is that rugby is fast moving beyond that blinkered, set-piece approach and Academicals are being left behind - witness relegation

ries did not belp.

The pancity of their ambition on the pitch was exposed by Watsonians, who match-ed the visitors up-front, negated Scott Murray at the lineout and were a class apart in the threequarters. Academicals indugled in trench warfare, making a few yards here and there and relying on kicking for position. Too often, it was aimless and wasted.

Watsonians opted for ad-venture and their willingness to run the ball was rewarded with four fine tries — the first two by Fergus Henderson, the captain, were out of the top drawer. For too long, their downfall has been inconsistency, but they seem ideally-suited to the demands of a cup competition, as Stewartry are likely to discover in next Saturday's fifth

SCORERS: Watsonlans: Tries: Henderson (2). Garry, Weston. Conwessions: Hodge (2). Penalty goals: Hodge (3). Edinburgh Academicals: Penalty goals: Barber (2).

Barror (2).

WATSONIANS: G Hastings; F Hender-son, S Hastings, A Garry, J Kerr, D Hodge, J Weston; T Smith; G McKelve, J Waddel, G Hannah, S Grimes, C Mather, I Snotar, C Brown. Henderson replaced by G MacRelid (58min).

EDNEURGH ACADEMICALS: S Burns; R Dester, B Rephar C Marrou, G McKinfar, M. EDMRORRAY ACADEMICALS: S BURES, Porter, R Berber, C Murray, G McKinley, M Duncan, P Smpson; J Feyers, K Day, B Stewart, D McKor, J Fachardson, S Murray, R Hoole, M McMe, C Murray replaced by A Dow (60),

leads way to final Gloucestershire16 By PETER BILLS

GLOUCESTERSHIRE will

meet Warwickshire, the defending champions, in the final of the CIS County Championship at Twicken-ham on April 20. The meeting of two of England's doughtiest county championship opponents will be their first in the final since 1972, when Gloucestershire won 11-6. Warwickshire's emphatic

semi-final 36-16 victory over Lancashire at Preston on Saturday was much more conclusive than Gloucestershire's success at Imber Court yesterday. The West Countrymen, who were last champions in 1984, had to come from a long way behind to upset what had seemed Surrey's measured stride to the final.

Surrey led 13-3 soon after half-time but the Gloucestershire forwards lifted the visitors to stirring deeds in the later stages. The pack took charge, especially in the set scrums.

Clink levelled the scores with 13 minutes left when Greville's clearance was charged down on his own line. allowing the lock the simple task of catching the ball and Holder replaced by G Allson, Herlequine (45min)
GLOUCESTERSHIPE: T Smith (Gloucester), J Petrins, (Gloucester), D Edwards (Berry Hill), L Osborne (Gloucester), D Mongen (Cheltenham); R Millis (Lydney), J Phillips (Cheltenham), N Nelmes (Lydney); R Phillips (Cheltenham), A Nelmes (Lydney), T Clink (Cheltenham), J Brain (Cheltenham), J Brain (Cheltenham), A Stanley (Gloucester), I Patian (Coventry). Edwards replaced by J Davies, Cheltenham (6) nam (65) Referee: C Hamson (East Midlands).

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3, C Gerhard: (Ger) 8:74, 8, D Lawis (GB) 6:42, Triple jump: 1, I Parridzheva (Bu) 14:54m; 2, S Kasparkova (C2) 14:50; 3, O Vasdeki (Gn) 14:30, Shot: 1 A Kumberm.ss (Ger) 19:79m; 2, I kudoczkina (Puss) 19.07; 3, V Fedyushana (Un) 18:90; 4, J Oakes (GB) 18:72.
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LISBON: Half marathon: Men: 1, C Kiprobch (Ken) 1hr 1mm 15sec; 2, A Pinto (Por) 1:01.16, 3, M Fiz (Sp) 1:01.24.

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Bell (ft) 19-51.10; 3, R Mass (ft) 19-51.44.
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France Juniors: Try: Bonetti Perc Leite Wales Youth: Tries: Wyatt, Davies. Con: Janes Pens: Jarvis 2. Dropped goal:

(at Soustons)

Watsonians: Tries: F Henderson 2, Garry, Weston Cons: Hodge 2 Pens: Hodge 3. Ediriburgh Acads: Pens: Barber 2.

Tennents Championship Regional League

Haddington 0 Preston Lodge 84 Musselburgh 58 Edinburgh W 10

Dundee HSFP 53 Constorphine Gordonars 18 Heriots FP Stewart's Mel FP 15 Kirkcaldy

Kilmarnock 17 GHK West of Scotland 46 Glasgow South Wigdownshire 44 Ayr

30 Lichfield
32 Rosslyn Park
22 Striling County
18 Bridflington
33 Esher
13 Seracers
24 Wasps XV
71 Grangemouth
35 Durham City
19 Hawant
3 Otley
46 Richmond
69 Mortey
47 Teberd
25 West Hartispool
5 Gloucester
31 Sale
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Club matches

Beny Hill
Blackheath
Blackheath
Bredton
Cheltenham
Coverthy
Henley
Jack-Forest
Kendal
Met Police
Middlesbrough
Northempton
Ornell
Reading
Restram
Rugby
Westerloo

33 Edinburgh Acads 6

Youth international

Tennents 1556 Cup

Third round

Watsonians

East one

East two

South

Kelso

West

France Juniors 8 Wales Youth

Maesteg: Tries: Gregory, Morgans Con: Morris, Pens: Morris, Pearce. Dropped goal: Pearce. Llenharan: Try: Martin Con: Jervis Pent: Jerus

S Wales Police 16 Abercynon South Wales Police: Try: Price, Corr: Price Pens: Price 3 Abarcynon: Tries: N Edwards, Winder, penalty try Cons; Sav-are 2

BOXING

CRICKET

CYCLING

3. Bodford 590. Men U17 (6km) 1. P Mortov (Solihus and Small Heath) 20 37: 2. M Brown (Morpeth) 20:42: 3. J Stewart (Halifact) 20:49. Teams: 1. Oactov and Winston Legonnaires 141; 2 Halifact 179; 3. Stalts Moorlands 220 Women U17 (6km): A Gescotgne (Wets City) 20:23; 2. C Waleh (Sheltesbury Barnes) 20:28; 3. S Thomas (Wellsend) 20:26. Girta U15 (3.6km): 1. J Swellow (Brantscool) 15:15; 2. J Mockler (Liverpool) 15:27; 3. E Ward (City of Stoke) 15:32. Teams: 1. Stevenoge and North Herts 64; 2. Liverpool 132. 3. Shaltesbury Barnes 147. Girts U13 (3km) 1. S Raven (Southerd) 13:51; 2. L Michaelson (Liverpool) 14:05; 3. L Weddicts (Northampton Photens) 14:15. Teams: 1. Liverpool 104; 2. Aldershot, Franks and District 120; 3. North Shelds Poly 135
PhOAD RUNNING: Swansea: Round-table

ROAD RIVINING: Swansaa: Round-lable club half marathon (including Welsh Championships), Ment 1, M Rees (Swan-sag) 1:06-40; 2, D Hiscox (Bridgend) 1:06-58; 3, P Rohards (Swansea) 1:07-26 Fearnt Swansea, Woment 1, F Gal (New-port) 1:20-51; 2, E Evans (Bridgend) 1:23-11; 3, C Allen (unatiached) 1:29:12 Fearn: Les Croupiers

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA). Detro

BUDWESSEH LEARSLE: Berningham 107
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Shelfield 27 22 5 2259 1902 44
Birmingham 28 20 8 2614 2361 40
Leopards 27 18 9 2408 2275 36
Manchester 28 16 10 2452 2277 36
Derby 30 17 13 2633 2536 34
Worthing 28 16 12 2598 2569 32
Newcastle 30 11 19 3667 2502 22
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Doncaster 29 9 19 2194 2525 18
Leicester 29 7 22 2133 2425 14
Chester 28 6 22 2295 2518 12
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NATIONAL LEAGUE: Ment: First division:
Cardiff 4 Ware 81: Crystal Pelace 68
Covertry 64: Nottingham 58 Broton 63:
Outham and Pochdale 86 Stockton 104;
Plymouth 74 Bury 82. Second division:
Northampton 79 Liverpool ATAC 83; Poole
57 Worcester 65; Swindon 63 Oxford 70
Women: First division: Barting and Degenitian 48 Nottingham 62 Northampton 76
London 50: Rhondda 83 Plymouth 37:
Thames Valley 46 Ipswich 92; Tyne and
Wear 49 Spelthome 84 Second division:
Crystal Palace 59 Oxford 48: Solent 32
Herlesden 57.

BANISTER PARK, Eastleigh: Yetton Tro-phy: Semi-finals: Desborough (Melden-head) bt Lincoln 75-74. Egham br Clevedon 95-67 Final: Egham br Desborough 77-85. Egham slops first: D Harker lost to M Scrace 20-21: K Strutt bt M Proce 19-12. M Steele bt V Linton-Prare 18-17, A Green bt H Tucker 21-15.

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP:

RUGBY UNION

13c, 21pg, 2dg; Tries: 15: M Allen (Northampton) 12: G Seely (Northampton), G Townsend (Northampton), 9: C O'Shea (London Insh) 8: Corporan

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BOWLS

Fourth division

Fifth division north

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Winnington P 11
Birmingham 11
Sheffield 11
Prestor G 17

Stourbridge

Kendal Stoke Lichfield

Cardiff

Broughton Park 6 Stoke

Broughton P 11 0 1 10 116 219

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Perc: M Williams. Pontypridd: Tries: G
Lewis 2, Maniley 2, Paul John 2, Cormack, J
Lewis, Jerkens, M Lloyd, S Lewis Consc.
Jenkins 5, Cormack, Perc. Jenkins.

Bridgend 8 Neath 45 Bridgend Try. Wildes Perc Griffiths. Neath: Tries: Boohyer 2. Higgs 2. Evare, Funnel, Richard Jones, Robin Jones. Corr Funnel, Perc Horgan.

Cardiff: Try: G Jones. Con: J Davies. Pens: J Davies 3 Ebber Vale: Try: Jeffreys. Con: Hayward Pen: Hayward Dropped goel: Hayward

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Nowport Tries: D Hughes, Paliney, R Rees.
Cons: G Rees 3. Pener: G Rees 2.
Swarnest Tries: R Jones, Simon Devies.
Penes: L Davies 2.

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Second division

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Heineken League First division

92 Dalias 91, Denver 102 Golden Stal BUDWESSER LEAGUE: Birminghan Newcastle 77, Worthing 87 Derby 88

BASKETBALL

TODAY FOOTBALL Kick-off 7.30 unless stated * denotes ell-ticket match

Manchestar Utd v Southampton (8.0) Manchester Utd v Southempton (8.0) ...
FA UMBRIO TROPHY: Third round second replays: Northwich v Nerthyr (7.45)
ICIS LEAGUE: Premier division: Purfleet v Welton and Hershern (7.45) Sacond division: Banstiead v Hampion. Third division: Banstiead v Hampion. Third division: Brastiead v Hampion. Third division: Brastle LEAGUE: Premier division: Chairnstond v Saliebury AVON INSURANCE COMBRATION: First division: Bristol Rowers v Bristol Cry, Charlino v Wirntbladon tel Plough Larra. Wirnbladon, 2.0: Chaires v Weed Hern (at Kingstonian FC, 7.0: Milwall v Gytal) Palace (7.0): Swindon v Walterd (7.0). Totterham v Ouers Park Rangers (at St Abens FC). PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool v Derby (at Southport FC, 7.0: Newcastle v Okcham (at Gateshead FC, 7.0: Stoke v Wolverhampton (7.0) Postponed: Blackburn v Trammere. Second division: Lacester v Grimsby (7.0): Marsheld v Aston Villes (1.6). Band West Coll VMEST COL VITES I Eard Me. Store ond division: Lucester v Crimsoy (r u);
Mansfield v Aston Villa (7,0)
NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First
division: Citheron v Sallord.
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE CUP: Semi
final, first leg: Portsmouth v Wimborno.
FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round replay.

OTHER SPORT BADMINTON: Yonex All-England champlonships. (Nettonal Indoor Arena, Birmingham).
BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: London v Leopards (6 0).
BILLIARDS: World professional materiplay champonabilip (Country Housa Hotel, Rahampa

GUIDE TO THE WEEK AHEAD

CRICKET: Indoor international (for people with disabilities): England v Wales (Lord's Indoor School, 10 (t). RACING: Carlisie (2.10), Plumpion (2.20); Taunion (2.0). TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Chelsea v
Manchester Cny (7.45).

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First
dhiston: Birmingham v Huddersheld (7.45);
Crystal Pelace v Tranmere (7.45); Girnstby v
Wolverhampton (7.45); Oldnern v Sunderland (7.45); Port Vale v Stole (7.45); West
Bromseh v Walford (7.45); Second division: "Bleckpool v Burley; Brudhord v
Swindon (7.45); Brighton v Chront United
(7.45); Hull v Chesterfield; Notts Countly v
York (7.45); Westall v Creve (7.45);
Wiresham v Bournemouth, Swansea v
Brentford, Third clivision: Darlington v
Hereford; Exeter v Cardiff (7.45); Hartispool
v Futham; "Rochdele v Preston (7.45);
Torquay v Gillingham (7.45).

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Aut To Windsker (7.45);
Southern area final, second-log: Carliste (0) v
Rotherham (2) (7.45) Southern area final,
second log: "Bristol Rovers (1) v Shrewsbury (1)
VALDO-ALL CONFERENCE: Bromsgrove v
Tellmet (7.45): Familiorquate v Wolein
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VALIGHALL CONFERENCE: Bromsgrove v
Telford (7 49); Famborough v Woking
(7 49); Monexambe v Haldax (7.45);
Mancom v Northwaft (7 45); Stough v
Stevenage (7.45); Welling v Hedneslord
(7 49)

(7 45)
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First di-vision: Greenock Monton v Duntermine.
Second division: Montrose v Ciyda Third division: Caladonian Thistle v Alica (3 0) RUGBY LEAGUE UNIVERSITY MATCH: Ordord v Cambridge (al London Welsh RFC, 330), RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.0 CLUB MATCHES; Lydney v Army; Swan-

sea v Neath; Tredegar v Treorchy; Wasps v Royal Navy. OTHER SPORT BADMINTON: Yonex All-England championships (National Indoor Arene, Birmingham).
BASKETBALL: Budweiser Leaguer. Hernel Hempstead v Worthing (7 15) ad v Worthing (7 15)

rempstated vertifing (7 15) BiLLIARDS: World professional matchpley championship (Country House Hotel, Ballymera). RACING: Cheltenham (2.15): Sadgeheld (2.0): Windsor (2.10). WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL

FREINCH CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool one:
Agen 17 Toulouse 22: Racing 15 Granoble
21: Narborne 24 Nirnes 17: Toulou 14 Nice
13: Perpignan 29 Bayonna 18: Pool two:
Colomiera 17 Castres 12: Bourgoin 19
Begles-Bordeaux 16, Pau 21 Brive 15;
Rurnilly 17 Dax 17, Montpelller 26
Montterrand 28.

FA CUP: Stoft round: Nottingham Forest v Asion Ville (7.45)
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Blackburn v Leads (7.45); Liverpool v Wimbledon (7.45) PNDSLEGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: * Leicester v Ipswich (7.45) VALIXHALL CONFERENCE: Gareshead v Southport (7.45). Southport (7.45).
BELL'S SCOTTIBH LEAGUE: Third di vision: Albion v East String RUGBY UNION CLUS MATCHES: Almwick v Nei (7 0); Nuneaton v Coventry (7 15) OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Yorlex All-England champs onships (National Indoor Arena, Birming ham) Remy
BILLIARDS: World professional matchplay championship (Country House Hotel Ballymone). RACING: Cheftenhern (2.15). Huntingdon (2.40); Newton Abbot (2.0). THURSDAY RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Worcester v Holland XV (8.0).

OTHER SPORT BADMINTON: Yonex All-England chempi-onships (National Indoor Arena, Birming-PASKETBALL: Budwelser League: Derby v Thames Valley (8.0); Leopards v Manchester (8.0). BILLIARDS: World professional matchplay championship (Country House Hotel, Ballymena). RACING: Cheltenham (2.15): Heidham (2.0); Lingfield Park (2.30) FRIDAY

SANDOWN PARK

1.55 (2m 4f 110)(d ch) 1, The Major General (Capl A Ogden, 15-8 lav); 2, True Steef (7-2); 3, On The Beer (2-1), 5 ran, 151, 244, G Richards, Tota: 22-40; £1 50, £1 80. DF, £4 00 CSF-£7 79

2-25 (2n 110yd hdiel 1, Henristia Howard (G Hogan, 13-2); 2 Beat Of Friends (12-1); 3, Mattre De Museque (13-2) Coralette 11-4 fav. 15 ran 6, 11 Mrs D Haine, Tote: 99-90; 22-40, E2-90, E2-20, DF: 588-20, Tho-C111,70 CSF: 979-81

2.55 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Society Guest (Capi A Ogden, 15-2); 2, Blazzon O; Troy (9-2); 3, Kelly Mac (15-2), Keel Row 5-2 to 8 nan. NR: Stapleford Lady 2), 4f. A Turnal. Tote: £7 70; £2 10. £1 90, £1 60. DF: £15.30 Troy £50 80, CSF: £37 23, Trocast: £34 76

2.25 / 6 3.30 (2m ch) 1, Lond Doncet (A P McCoy, 2-1): 2, Senor El Betruti (100-30): 3, Aedean (8-1) Spanish Light 6-4 lav, 4 ran NL, dist.) Charlton, Tote: 53 (0). DF: 53.80 CSF \$7 78.

4.05 (2m 110yd hdie) 1, Amenicio (M A Fitzgerald, 5-1); 2, Saver Groom (10-1), 3, Chief's Song (9-1), Kingstold Pet 4-1 tan, 11 ran 3, 114; G Harwood Tote: 25.30; £1.30, £4.40, £3.01 DF: £27.80 Trio £109.70, CSF: £48.59 Tricast, £389.90

Going: good to soft, soft in places

RUGBY UNION Kick-off 7.0 unless stated A INTERNATIONALS: England v Ireland (Fichmond, 3 0); Wales v France (Newport, 3 0) UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL Wales France (at Abstrace) Cruzerrei wirerwarinung wass v France (af Abertavan)
CLUB MATCHES: Cheftenham v Wordster. Câtion v Lydney (7 30); Covertry v Heriequins (7 30); Cross keys v Abertitlery (7 0); Durwart v Llanett, Germongan Wanderers v Newport; Gloucester v Cardiff; Kenfigh Hill v Bommenn, Penartin v London Weish; Pontyprodd v Bath, Rugby v Moseley (7 30); Swareea v Maester, Weston-super-Mare v Phymouth (7 30) OTHER SPORT BADMINTON: Yonex All-England chemptonships (National Indoor Arena, Birmingham)
BASKETBALL: Budweiser Leegue: Sheffeld I, Burmingham (8 ft) BILLLARDS: World professional matchplay championship (Country House Hotel. Ballymena)
BOXING: Lightweight bout: Billy Schwar (Luton) v Eddie Lloyd (Welles) (Ousensway Hall, Durstable)
RACING: Falseninem (2.10), Folkestone (2.0); Wolverhampton (AW. 2.20)

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

Rick-off 3 0 unless stated

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Coventry v
Bolton; Liverpool v Chelses; Marchester
City v Southampton; Middlesstrough v
Notifrigham Forest; Mewcastle v West Ham;
Cusens Park Rengers v Marchester United;
Sheffield Wednesday v Aston Villa, Totanham v Blackburr, Winsbedon v Arsenal,
ENDSLEIGH RISHRANCE LEAGUE: First
division: Derby v Westond; Grimsby v
Crystal Palace; loswich v Testwers; Milmall
v Sheffield United; Oldhern v Leleaster;
Potstroudt v Wowerhampton; Reseding v
Norwich; Southend v Chartten; Stoke v
Huddersteid: West Bromemouth v Bernaley
Second division: Boumemouth v York:
Bractiond v Rotherham); Brighton v Huit;
Piststol Riners v Bristol City; Burnley v
Swindon; Cartiste v Streedbury; Notec
Country v Oxford United, Palerborough v
Crewe; Swismea v Blactgool (12 0); Walsall
v Chesterfield: Windniem v Stockpon;
Wycombie v Brentford Trihrd division;
Barnet v Torquay, Bury v Rechalar Chester
v Eveter, Donossier v Southenper Fulnamy
Carthridge United; Hesterdor v Hartlepool,
Leyton Orient v Lincoln; Marsheld v
Gallingham; Plymouth v Northemplon; Preston't Vandy v Authority; Dover v Southport, Famborough; Vannoon; Safeshead v
Barth Hallisot v Althrichem; Hednestord v
Bromsgrove, Kerteing v Macclessied;
Northwich v Stough, Stovenoge v Kidderminster; Welling v Morecambe
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier
division; Fatink v Partick, Hearts v Hilbernien; Climannock v Mothemplin: Bath v
Aberdeen, First division; Burnbaront v Po
Cycle benic Climannoch v Mothemplin Sec
ond division; Berwich v Cusen of South'
Clyde v Stirting, East File v Stenhouserrus; FOOTBALL.

Montrose v Forfar, Stranneer v Ayr Third division: Albian v Clusen's Park; Alba v East String: Altroach v Brechin, Livingston v Cowdenteath; Ross County v Caladionien RUGBY UNION

Husband, 5-1), 2, Teinein (11-4 g-tevt; 3, Lake Karba (6-1), Around The Gale 11-4 jt-fav. 11 ran NR: Backgarmnon, Beyond The Stars, Sh nd, 44, J Macke, Tote: £6.60, £1.60, £1.40, £2.10, DR: £7.30, Tro: £25.90, CSF: £19.56.

2.30 (2m 3 110yd ch) 1, Pete The Parson J Osborne, 5-2 tayl; 2, Dark Stranger (3-1); 3, Castle Court (5-1) 8 ran. 51, (s) J Old Tote; 23, 10; £1 30, £1.20, £1.70. DF: £4.70. CSF: 59 87.

CSF: 32-07.

3.00 (2m 110)rd hdie) 1, Hamilton Silk (J. Osborne, 9-4 lav); 2, Shepherds Rest (10-1); 3, Zngthar (18-1), 8 ram 8, 31 M Pipe, Tote 27.0°; 5:00, 6:30, 6:34 OF-211 90, CSF: 222.75, Tricest: \$257.14.

3.35 (2m 3f 110yd ch) 1, Bellis Life, (G Tormey, 5-2 g-tar, Thunderar's nap); 2, Pastic Spaceage (5-2 g-tar); 3, Nevada Gold (5-1), 7 em, 6, 7, P Hobbs, Tote: £3.20; £2.20, £1.90 DF; £4.20, CSF; £8.63

2.50 1, Master Hyde (3-1 fav), 2, Wills Teimar (10-1), 3, Cool Luke (11-1), 7 ran. NR: Sunday News n'acho

Placepot £40.10,

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Ock-off 3.0 unless stated Kick-off 3.0 unless stated
FVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP: England v freland (Involvinam): Weies v
France (Cardiff Arms Park).
TENNENTS 1556 CUP: Fourth round:
Boroughmut v Glasgow HK: Constorphine v
Timity Acads; Dundee HSEP v Stiling
County, Duris v Hawki; Glasgow Acads v
Currie, Glasgow Southern v Jed-Forest:
Genrothes v Mussablumph; Gordinans v
Gete; Grangemouth v klimarnock Heriot's
FP v Kidnadiv: Langforim v Prothatic FP;
Metrose v West of Scotland: Preston Lodge
v Kalso; Stewarty v Wassonians; Stewart's
Mehrite FP v Hutchesong: Aloystar;
Wigtownshire v Bilggar
CLUB MATICH: Coveriby v Harlequris
(12.0) OTHER SPORT

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Yonex All-England championships (Netional Indoor Arene, Burnergham).

BASKETBALL: Budwielser League: Leleaster v Manchester (7:30): Newcastle v London (7:30): Hernel Hempstead v Dorby (7:30): Themse Valley v Morthing (8,0).

BILLIARDS: World protessional matcholay championship (Country House Hotel, Bellymens) BOXING: World Boxing Organisation feetherweight championship: Prace Nessern Hamed (Sheiffeld, holden) v Said Lewal (Negens) (Scottish Erhibtion Centre, Glesgow). World Boxing Organisation feetherweight championship: Scott Weich (Brighton, holden) v Joe Bugner (Ats) (Berlin)

CE HOCKEY: British League: Championship play-offer Basingstoke v File (6:30); Ourtern v Carchif (6:15): Shelfold v Nottingham (7:0) Promotion/relegation

pisy-cifis: Blackburn v Millron Kaynes (6.0): Siough v Manchester (6.0): Guildford v Bracknel (6.0): Swindon v Dumines (5.30) RACKNE: Utioxeter (2.0): Hereford (2.20), Lingfield Park (2.25): Newcastle (2.15): Wolverheropton (AW. 7.0).

SUNDAY FOOTBALL Kick-off 3.0 unless stated FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Leads FA CAPILING PHEMICHSTIR": Leeps v
Eventon (4 d).

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEACUE: Frat
division: Bimmonism v Sunderland (2 55)

ANGLO-TALIAN CUP: Final: Genoa v Port
vale (at Wenbley, 1 50)

BELL'S SCOTTISM LEAGUE: Premier
division: Rangers v Cebic (1 15)

RUGBY UNION

CIS UNDER-21 DIVISIONAL CHAMP-IONSHIP: Midlands v London and South Sest led Rugby, 2 30; North v South West (at Birtenthead Park, 2 15) TOURI MATCH: Cambarley v Holland XV 2 30.

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Birmingham v Chester (6.0). Leopards: v
Choncaster (5.0): Worthing v Sheffield (6.0)
BILLIARDS: World professional matchplay BILLIARDS: World professional materiplay championship (Country House Hotel Ballymana)
BOX(NR): World Boxing Council heavy-weight championship: Frank Bruno (London, hoteler) while Tyson (US) (MGM Grand, Las Verges).

CE HOCKEY: British Lasgust: Championship play-offs: Basingstoke v Notarrg-ham (6 30); Durham v Newcastle (6 30); Sheffield v Fite (6 30), Hambertsdev v Candit (5 45) Promotion/integation play-offs: Snacknet v Mitton Kaynes (5 15) Durhine v Manchester (5 30), Guildford v Bladdburn (5, 15): Slough Swindon v (8 0)

St. Helens: Tines: Hammond Hurle, Northey, Sullivan Goals: Goulding 4 Widnes: Tries: Hutme, Deverous, Spruce Goal: Tyre: Att. 13.424 par Cerrol Park (Wiger)
NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Dudis; Hill 19 Wiger: St
Parcel s 16; Hewcitt 8 West Hull 11, ColLane 4 Egnemon; 22: Mayhed 22; Hamel
Hermstead 8, Millott 10 Leigh Miners
Welfare 28; Woolston 14 Saddleworth 10 **SCHOOLS SPORT** CROSS COUNTRY

CROSS COUNTRY

WELSH INTER-COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIPS: Serior boys (7.39m): 1, A
Vaughen (Gavnedd) 22mn 16sc. 2, T
Ceines (Dyteol 22:00; 3, D Florenze (Mod
Germorgan) 23:31 Teams: 1, Dyted 72; 2.
Mid Germorgan; 76: 3, Diwyd 95 Serior
girls (4.35cm), 1, J Clarke (South Germorgan) 16:06; 2 H Phillips (Gwert) 16:17, 3, D
Cank (Gwert) 16:26 Teams: 1, Mid
Germorgan 107; 2, Caryd: 119; 3, Dyteol
127, Intermediate boys (6:22km), 1, P
Gromov (South Germorgan) 19:20; 2, P
Kesnedy (South Germorgan) 19:20; 2, P
Kesnedy (South Germorgan) 19:35; 3, A
Denes (Powys), 19:47, Teems: 1, South
Germorgan 30; 2, Chryd: 85; 3, Mid
Germorgan; 15:19: 3, A Pritchard
South Germorgan 15:19: 3, Gwert 116,
Luntor boys (4:72km); 1, C Prior (Chryd)
15:27; 2, A Westers (Mid: Germorgan) 15:36,
3, E Cole: 1,2d Germorgan; 15:41 Teams:
1, West Germorgan; 11:23, 3, L
South Germorgan; 11:24, 3, L
South Germorgan; 11:25, 3, South Germorgan; 11:27, 3, L
South Germorgan; 11:27, 3, L
South Germorgan; 11:28, 3, L
South Germorgan; 11:29, 3, L
South Germorgan; 11:29, 3, L
South Germorgan; 11:20, 3, L
South Germorgan;

RUGBY LEAGUE

Semi-final

St Helans

Silk Cut Challenge Cup

REAL TENNIS MELBOURNE: World championship: Fi-nal eliminator: M Gooding (GB) level with W Davies (Aus) 4-8, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 FOOTBALL UNDER 15-INTERNATIONAL: England 2 Span 3 fat Werroley: FA PREMIER LEAGUE UNDER-16 TRO-PHY: Devon 2 Surrey 0; Humberside 2 READING HEAD OF THE RIVER: 1, 8s; A 13mm 13sec (Open winners): 2, Oxford Brookes University 13:99 3; 3, 8s; B 13:39:4 (Senior one winners): 4, Impenal Co3/ege, London 13:40; 5, Moteosy 13:51 Other division winners: Ment Senior two: Oxford University Lightweights 14:15: Senior times Imperal Co3/ege, London 14:23 Schoot Eron 14:22. Novice: Impenal Co3/ege, London 15:01 Veterar: Upper Prames 14:46 Junior 18: Em 15:08 Junior 15: Hempton 15:29 Women: Senior one; Mation 16:304. Senior two: Sectiol University 16:01 Senior three: Lady Eleanor Hotes 16:10 Novice: Lady Eleanor Hotes 17:38

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Du'aine Ladejo, of Great Britain, points the way forward after winning the gold medal in the 400 metres at the European indoor championships in Stockholm yesterday in a time of 46.12 seconds. Report, page 28

PACING

4.40 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Arthur's Minstrei (R Johnson, 13-6 lav); 2, Bishope Hali (20-1); 3, Buck Willow (11-2), 5 sen, NBT- All Clep Hands, General Rusty, Gilpa Valu, King Credo, Seod Ringa, 41, 131 D Nicholson, Toter 92-20, §1.40, §4.20 DF: \$17.80. Thio: \$10.40. CSF: \$20.49 Tote Tricast \$122.08.

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Jackpot: £40,028.10 (0.88 winning tickets, Pool of £8,765.32 carried forward to Plampton today).

Placepot £387.40. Quadpot £62.50.

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SUTTON COLDFIELD: Inter-university team championship: 1, London 1,168prs. 2, Oxford 1,164, 3, Southampton 1,149, 4 2. Oxford 1,164, 3, Southampton 1,149 a Edmburgh 1,148 for Individuals. Men: 1 oxxel, G. Barnett and 5 Bailey (both Londoni 198pts; 3, P. Cann (Southamptoni 198 Women: 1 equal, S. Glenton (Edm-burgh), T. Ocennell (Oxford), and R. Unniforishnam (Oxford), 196 International matches: Men: 1, English 1,557pts, 2, Scottish 1,536, Women: 1, English 772, 2 Scottish 797

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standings: 1 Austra 11,071pts; 2, Switzerland 7,181 3, Italy 6,284 Women: 1, K
Roten (Switz) 151,95, 2 P Witzerg (Swe)
1 52 08, 3, M Kjoerstad (Nor) 152,80;
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58(pts, 2, U Hrovat (Slover a) 40); 3,
Woerg 414 Leading final overall standings: 1, Sezonger 1 472tts; 2, M Etti (Ger)
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POKLJUKA, Slovenia: Biathlon World Cup: Men. (4 x 7 5tm) 1. Russia Timer 26 09 2scc: 2. Norway 1 26:56 9. 3. Germany 1 26:57 4. 4. France 1 27 40 4; 5. Finland 1 27 40 9 (0) Women (4 x 7 5tm), 1. France 1 40:28 1. 2. Germany 1 41 33 9. 3. Norway 1 42:28 4. Russla 1 a2 46.4 6. Ukraine 1 42:59.9. Leading World Cup standings: Men. 1. Russe 2120ts, 2. Germany 102, 3. Norway 94; 4. Belorussa 91: 5. France 84. Women: 1. Germany 116pts, 2. France 110: 3. Ukraine 95, 4. Norway 94, 5. Russia 89.

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SCOTLAND: Men: National League: First

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3.15 1, Munaadse (4-1 fav), 2, Chevalier (11-2); 3, Los Alamos (5-1) 14 ran NR-Pargeran 3.45 1, My Gallery (100-30); 2, Desentor (7-1), 3, McKellar (2-1 tev) 8 ran.

3.25 1. One For The Pot (9-4), 2. Beldine (6-4 lav); 3. Positive Action (11-1), 5 ran. 4,00 1. Izza (7-1); 2. Shornara's Way (7-2 fav); 3. Blue Charm (11-1), 15 ran. NR: Meadowburn.

4.30 1. Gala Water (8-1); 2. Vavasır (7-4); 3, Golden Fiddle (4-8 fav), 4 ran 5.00 1. Lord Lamb (2-1 tav), 2. Atavistic (11-2); 3. Just Like Dad (12-1) 13 ran.

1.10 1, Selmeston (5-1), 2, Temperatg (5-1), 3, Fox Chapel (12-1) The Lad 7-4 lav. 9 ran

1.40 1. Yo Kirl-B (6-1); 2, Amesome Venture (4-1 p-lav); 3. Cuurzii Martin (4-1 p-lav) 9

1.45 1, Shining Edge (4-1), 2, Rolyal Expression (9-4), 3, Fassan (11-10 lav) 9 ran 2.15 1, Montrieve (8-11 lav), 2, Rebet King (11-2), 3, Corston Report (7-1), 5 ran

SOUTHWELL

4.20 1. People Direct (4-1 (av); 2. Dragonyoy (9-2), 3. Down The Yard (7-1) 8 ran.

4.50 1. Malteamite (10-1): 2. Principal Boy (6-1): 3, General Haven (10-1). Coastguards Havo 5-1 (t-tav 14 ran NR Lady Eder.

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cloud outlook as Cheltenham nears

By Richard Evans, racing journalist of the year

THE outcome of the Smurfit Champion Hurdle on the opening day of the Cheltenham Festival tomorrow looks to rest increasingly in the lap of the gods. After a weekend of sunshine and drying winds, which should continue today. heavy rain is due to arrive at Prestbury Park - but the weathermen cannot agree

According to the London Weather Centre, the Cheltenham area can expect up to half-an-inch of rain during a six-hour period tonight. If its computer projections are correct, the fairly prolonged downpour" would almost certainly have a significant effect on the state of the ground by 3.30pm tomorrow - and the respective chances of leading

However, the detailed farmers' forecast on the BBC told a different tale. One of three bands of rain due across the country this week would come to a halt through the middle of England just to the east of Wales by midday tomorrow although "we can't be entirely accurate about the position". For good measure, a Met Office presenter on another channel said simply there

would be rain tomorrow. Given the uncertainty, the ground at Cheltenham could be good and drying by the minute, or good to soft becoming softer when the best hurdlers in the land line up. No wonder Rob Hartnett of Coral commented, tongue-in-cheek:

"What a terrible thing for bookmakers now that punters don't even know what the going is likely to be."

Jamie Osborne was another who found himself betwixt and between yesterday as he faced making one of the trickiest decisions of his career. Should he ride Mysilv, whose consistent form entitles her to finish in the first four. probably without winning, or should he opt instead for Collier Bay, potentially bril-liant in the mud but far less

effective on faster ground? In the end, he plumped for Mysilv. "The ground swayed

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BUCKLAND LAD (3.20 Plumpton) Next best: Southampton (3.30 Taunton)

me," he said. "It's good at the moment and I can't take a chance on the rain arriving in time. Some people may think it was a very straightforward choice but it wasn't because I think Collier Bay is grossly over-priced and a very underrated horse. Whichever way I went. I was going to upset someone, but both parties have been very loyal to me." Jim Old, who is likely to

choose Graham Bradley for

Collier Bay, walked around

Cheltenham yesterday after-

noon and was pleased with

what he found. "It's absolutely

perfect ground and a level playing field for everybody. Fast ground horses will not be inconvenienced and there will be no jar for soft ground runners. Obviously, if it gets softer that would be to the advantage of Collier Bay and some others."

If the rain does arrive in time, the supporters of Alderbrook, the defending champion, will take heart. Kim Bailey's hurdler has drifted in the betting recently and William Hill pushed him out to 11-10 yesterday. "We can't give the horse away," David Hood, the bookmaker's spokesman, said. "He won his trial impressively and I wouldn't normally want to field against him but the punters just don't want him."

Martin Pipe is more optimistic about Draborgie running in the Guinness Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase tomorrow. The mare pulled up stiff on Friday morning but Pipe reported: "It's still early days and we don't have to decide until tomorrow morning but we are now quite hopeful. She'll only take part if I am satisfied she is 100 per

cent over the setback." Treasure Again, entered in the Coral Cup on Wednesday and the Stayers' Hurdle the next day, may run in both races. The Merrita Jonestrained hurdler is certain to run in the handicap over an extended 2½ miles and will also be declared for the longer

Weather forecasts | Danoli has hallmark of champion

BY OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT

FORGET sentiment, forget his almost hysterical following and forget the charm of his connections: Danoli at the 5-1 generally available, is an outstanding bet for the Smurfit Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham tomorrow.

Alderbrook, last year's winner, dominates the betting but at cramped odds is worth opposing. His win at Kempton was impressive, the substance of the form less appcaling. Add the likelihood of good ground — Alderbrook has a preference for give and he could be vulnerable. Danoli and the Aidan O'Brien-trained Hotel Min-

ella are the alternatives and represent value. Hotel Minella has a high cruising speed. loves good ground and has Charlie Swan on board, but he also looks a type that needs everything to go exactly right. Danoli is different. Teak tough, able to go on most types of ground and with the touch of class that gave him third place last year after an interrupted preparation, he has few question marks against him except perhaps

one. Is he better than ever? Tom Foley is too shrewd to say so publicly but his quiet confidence is persuasive. "We ran last year knowing he needed the race," he said. This time it's completely different and, unless the ground is as hard as the street,

we won't be blaming it." Conor O'Dwyer, his jockey, has never had a Cheltenham winner but he will carry most Irish hopes in the principal chases. Given the doubts about One Man's ability to stay and act on the track, Imperial Call is a good each-way bet in the Gold Cup. Fergie Sutherland's sevenyear-old was impressive in the



Danoli carries Ireland's hopes in the Smurfit Champion Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival tomorrow

Hennessy at Leonardstown has no stamina doubts, jumps brilliantly and, like Danoli, will act on any ground other than rock hard.

However, it is significant that O'Dwyer considers his best winning chance to be Strong Platinum in the Queen Mother Champion Chase. Last time. Strong Platinum was beaten by the ordinary Opera Hat at Naas, but that can be blamed on the soft ground. The faster the surface the better for Strong Platinum, who defeated Sound Man and Klairon Davis at Punchestown last spring.

"He is the horse they have to beat if he gets his ground." O'Dwyer said. "I fear Viking Flagship more than Sound Man but if Strong Platinum reproduces his Punchestown form, and I think he can, I will be confident."

British horses can dominate the novice races over both hurdles and fences. Thats My Man's death leaves the Irish novice hurdlers looking only average. Urubande in the Sun Alliance Hurdle and Dance Beat in the Supreme Novices' Hurdle could prove the best of them. Draborgie, assuming she

runs, looks beatable in the Guinness Arkle Challenge Trophy, but it is difficult to know who can take advantage. Manhattan Castle looks best of the Irish but he sweated up badly at the Festival last year and his jumping can be questioned. Willie Mullins's Wither Or

Which will be the big Irish fancy in the bumper and on soft ground he looks almost unbeatable. However, concerns about his chance are increasing as the ground turns good and the Noel Meade-trained Charlie Foxtrot may be better value.

Derrymoyle will carry high hopes in the Stayers' Hurdle, but will he stay? Any horse good enough to be placed in The Ladbroke, over Leopardstown's sharp two miles, may have too much speed to last three miles and half a furlong. A little each-way on Treble Bob in this race looks the better option.

Time For A Run, trained by Edward O'Grady, goes for a second win in the Coral Cup but in the handicap hurdles a better Irish prospect may be stable companion No When To Run in tomorrow's Hamlet Cigars Gold Card Hurdle.

2.00 Jefferies 3.30 Southampton 4.00 Art Teturn 2.30 Uncle Bert 4.30 Father Dowling 3.00 Queens Contractor 5.00 HE'S A KING (nep)

Carl Evans: 4.30 Granville Guest.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE HACECARD

113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF.F.G.S.) (Mrs. D. Robenson) B Hell 12-0 B West (7) 88 Racecard number: Sox-figure form (f'' - left) P—pulled up. U—unsained note: B - brought down. S - sipped up. R - refused. D—disquarified! Horse's name. Days since last outing, F + I for B - brinkers. V—visor H—bood. E - Freshedt. C - course women D - whight. Rider plus any altowance. The Times

2.00 BATHPOOL MAIDEN HURDLE (£2,542: 2m 3i 110yd) (14 runners)

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OPROPER CORNISK IN (0 Mrs. S Gummon) R Eddler 5-11-4

OURS LIST AND (D Milhord) P Hogan (3) —

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D Sales (5) —

R Greene —

PRINCE OF SPADES 11 (M and K Sports and Promotors) F Jordan 4-10-9

J Lodder 8 RETTING: 7-4 Jetteres, 5-2 Nater's Typhoon, 6-1 Dubelle, 8-1 Duton, 14-1 Moortandmenymaker, 16-1 Got To Be

1995: FROWN 5-11-4 M A Fitzgerald (5-1) F Murphy 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAXWORTHY LORD 451 11th of 18 to Master Tribe in manders hardle at Ludiov (2m, good). JAC DEL PRINCE 531 8th of 15 to Buckhouse Boy in novice hardle at Towcester (2m 51, good in soft). JEFFERIES 31%1 5th to Ballymac Ger in nonce hardle at Towcester (2m 51, good) KAREN'S TY-

2.30 ROYAL BATH & WEST CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE

BETTING: 6-4 Uncte Bert, 4-1 Dr Rockel, 9-2 Channel Pastone, 5-1 Evening Rom, 10-1 Pagel, 14-1 Grey Finch,

1995. GLADYS EMMANUEL 8-9-11 G Hogan (7-2) A Pocock 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

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3.00 MARCH SELLING HURDLE (£1,889- 2m tf) (13 runners)

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BETTING: 9-4 Owners Contractor, 7-2 Calmaker, 4-1 kin's Rose, 9-2 Game Diference, 5-1 Highest Roots, 12-1 Lorus The Great, 20-1 Formidable Less, 33-1 others. 1995: WAR WELL 4-10-B R Durmoody (5-4 lav) M Pipe 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

QUEENS CONTRACTOR beat in A Mormon 2% in 21-numer setting hardway burdle at Catterick (2m. 2007) CATWALKER heat client thus eastern, first and at the country of the countr



Harwood waits

AMANCIO'S participation in the County Hurdle at Cheltenham on Thursday is uncertain despite a £50,000 bonus for adding it to the Sunderlands Imperial Cup at Sandown on Saturday. Guy Harwood, his trainer, said: "We'll probably wait until Wednesday to make a decision."

3.30 21ST ANNIVERSARY OF PETER & SYBIL BLACKBURN MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (£3,420: 2m 31) (9 runners)

DS3315 SOLITHAMPTON 17 (BF.F.G.S) (Highlyes) G Balalog G-11-10 ... A P McCoy

D-72572 ABAWARD 12 (S) (D Henderson) R Frost 7-11-3... J Frost 83
3304R-4 ADMISHALTY WAY 12 (G.S.S) (Mrs A Boston) R Brotheston 10-11-3... L Harrey 66
1-24044 SREEM'S FAMR 12 (G.F.S) (N Aber) G Hzm 6-11-3... P Hatley 83
0-662/21 MALWENBAN 13 (B.G.) (Mrs Y Allson) R Alsop 10-11-3... Mr M Romei —
026-154 MERLINS DREAM 55 (F) (W Wat 0 Shenood 7-11-3... Mr Romei —
026-154 MERLINS DREAM 56 (F) (W Wat 0 Shenood 7-11-3... M Roberts —
1/1500/PLACID LAD 11-10 (S) (T Subbody) N Berry 9-11-3... M Bostoy —
2-00144 SUPPEME MUSIC 53 (F) (R Demis) P Nobels 7-11-3... G Manch 78
F33-F3P TAME BY STORM 58 (Mrs R Backborn) R Boster 7-11-3... B Powell 80 BETTING: 3-1 Socialmentor. 7-2 Metrics Desse, 4-1 Septemb Music, 9-2 Take By Storm, 6-1 Green's Pair, 8-1 Absorpti 12-1 Mathematics (25-1 others

1995: GROUSEMAN 9-11-3 M A Fitzgerald (4-1) Miss H Knight 4 ran FORM FOCUS

SOLITHAMPTON best 12±faces Saca Szeg 1121 in handicap chase at Southern (2m, good to soli) or prendiment start. Previously 101 and of 14 to Camybough in movice handicap chase ever course and distance (good to soli) with SUPPENIX MISSIC (3th worse oil) head 4th, ABAVARD 11/2nd of 12 to the Best in movice handicap chase here (2m 10pd, good). TAKE BY STORM 12 in the Best in movice handicap chase here (2m 10pd, good). TAKE BY STORM 12 the left best in movice handicap chase here (2m 10pd, good). TAKE BY STORM 12 the left best in movice handicap chase here (2m 10pd, good) or pendiment start. Selection: SOLITHAMPTON

4.00 WIDCOMBE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

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4	11-005P	BALLY PARSON 10 (F.G) IE Hussb) R Dictor 18-11-7 Philip Haghes (7) 86
5	352521	HANDSON 12 (CD.S) Tourier Racio	9 9 Mailmagn 4-11-5 D Salter (5) 95
6.	4F622P-	COURAGEOUS IONGHT 509 (L Kind	mood) P Hayward 7-11-4 B Calcord 94
7	600	PIC TREAT 12 /P Hath P Hat 4:1	1.3 D Reidementer 92
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13	4P50-02	SEBASTOPOL 9 (G) (D Page) P Mc	spiny 7-10-13 R Farrant 93-
14	FF-4103	PRIDEWOOD PICKER 13 (G) (Mrs I	Moras R Price 9-10-12 A P McCoy 94
ETTE	IG. 3-1 Has	edson, 4-1 Courageous Knight, 5-1 Ko	i's Promise, 6-7 Ari Talom, 8-1 Prolescood Profes,

Sebesiapol, 10-1 Hush Ting, Lyptont's Fable, 12-1 others 1995: PRIMOST 4-10-8 M Foster (10-1) F Marphy 14 ran FORM FOCUS

HUSH TIMA 21 2nd at 12 to Dute 01 Dreams in novice handicap hardle at Newton Albod (2m 11, good to librim). ART TATUM 291 7m of 14 to Karshi in novice handical form (2m, good) in pendamente start. SALEP best effort this season. 12 3rd of 17 to Datter in benefite through at Windson (2m, solf). HANDSON heat Tat Tech Flyer 41 in 14-numer selfing handicap hardle over course and distance (good to solf) SRSHT NOVABERER 355/1 5th of 13 to Frontages in novice handica handicap hardle at Manwock (2m, good). PRIDEWOOD PICKER 55/1 3rd to Disease Contagator in selfing handicap taudic at Casterick (2m, good). Selfection: SEBASTOPOL.

4.30 SOMERSET HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,235: 3m) (11 numers)

BETTING: 8-4 Branctic Guest, 5-2 My Mellow Map, 5-1 Father Dowling, 7-1 Passokus, 8-1 Space Cappe, 16-1 Winter's Lane, 20-1 offses.

1995; MR GOLLIGHTLY 8-11-12 Miss J Cobiden (5-2) Mrs S Cobiden 8 cm

FORM FOCUS

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63F220 HOLY JOE 11 (F.G.S) (S. Love) A J Wisson 14-12-0 D Bridgement 94
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10-10/250 DOMNOY 101 F.G.) (J. Hose Computeins) C Mann 6-11-3 Manndach Kally (7) 63
43460 MORDIC MINE 70 (N. Savery) P Hobbs 6-10-8 G Tormey (3) D
10-10/250 DOMNOY 101 F.O. (S. Discound Carly) J Bradley 7-10-6 G Tormey (3) D
10-10/250 DOCCHE 53 (B.C.F.) (S. McCarchard) R Baker 7-10-0 Mis A Brown (7) 90
10-10/250 DOCCHE 53 (B.C.F.) (S. McCarchard) R Baker 7-10-0 B Powel 84 Long trandicag: Conchie 9-2.

BETTING, 3-1 The Minder, 7-2 Sports View, 5-1 Fleur De Tal, Chee's Glen, 6-1 He's A King, 8-1 Belaionts. Convoy, 10-1 others 1995: VIOLET'S BOY 8-10-7 Paler Hobbs (10-1) P Hobbs 9 am FORM FOCUS

TRAINERS

HOLY JOE 171 11th of 19 to Just For A Reason to conditional joicines chairming handle at lustions (2m, good). HES A KING shoot-head 2nd of 12 to Highmon Caustier is conditional joicines handles in conditional joicines handles handles at long the start with COOCHE (5th better of) 751. 100; FLEIR DE 7AL (1th better of) 151. 100; F

COURSE SPECIALISTS Winners Places
6 31
13 69
8 48
5 43 **JOCKEYS** 37.5 28.6 26.4 23.0 21.1 15.8 M Richards O Bridguster A P McCoy D Satier Only qualifiers

POINT-TO-POINT RESULTS

Francis). 9 ran

BRECON (Liambynach): Hunt: 1,
Mackabee (T. Weale), 7 ran. Confined. 1,
Listary Lad (M. Daly). 13 ran. Open: 1,
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Carnok Lenes (T Jones), 16 ran. Ledies: 1,
Handsome Harvey (Miss P Jones), 14 ran.
Rest (Ow I part i); 1, Catho Daughier (J
Jukes) 10 ran. Rest (Dw I part ii); 1, Royal
Oats (D S Jones), 11 ran. Rest it: 1, Push
Along (D Stephens), 20 ran. Midn. 1: 1,
Mytordmayor (A W Prics), 11 ran. Midn. 11;
1, Mytordmayor (S Shrifton), 13 ran. Midn. 18;
1, Warren Boy (Miss P Jones), 11 ran. T, water boy wiss in autos). I halt COTTESMORE (Garthorpe). Hunt: 1, Odysseus (E Andrewes). 6 ren. Confined. 1, Vallorus (J Turcen). 7 ren. Ladies 1, General Highway (Mrs. J Dawson). 6 ren Open: 1, Raise &n Argument (J Docker). 7 ren. Rest. 1, Tenelord (S Morris). 9 ren. Motr. 1, Smarl Brythm (J Docker). 9 ren. CLIMESTEJ AND. E-SPARCIDE. CREADING. Mdn: 1, Smart Rhythm (J Docker). 9 ran.
CUMBERLAND FARMERS (Delaton)
Hunt 1, Pennine View (Mrs. J Willemson).
13 ran. Confined: 1, Worthy Spark (P
Craggs). 9 ran. Ladies: 1, Minking (Miss P
Robson). 10 ran. Open: 1, Man's Best
Friend (R Ford). 6 ran. PPOA: 1, The Shade
Matcher (A Parker). 13 ran. Rest 1: 1,
Abercromby Comei (Miss S Forsler). 11
ran Rest 1: 1, Sayin Now! (A Parker). 7 ran.
Open Mdn (5-7)or, Div I): 1, Bucklands
Cottage (T Morrison). 16 ran. Open Mdn (5-7)or, Div III):
1, Cukeirs (T Morrison). 13 ran.
DERWENT (Cherm Parks: Hunt: 1, Cadif-

Lacrawy. 12 ran. Open warn (3-7yo, Dwill):

1, Culeirs (i Monison) 13 ran.

DERWENT (Cherm Parid: Humb 1, CadriIon (N Tutry). 7 ran. Condined: 1, Just
Charlie (D Easterby) 11 ran. Open: 1,
Golden Saventah (M Sowersby). 17 ran
Reest. 1, Launchselert (R Edwards). 20 ran
Lacias: 1, Carole's Delight (Mrs. I. Ward). 7
ran. Open Mdn (Dw 1): 1, Mn Duck (S
Swiers). 12 ran. Open Mdn (Ow I): 1, Stride
To Glory (R Edwards). 11 ran. Open Mdn
(Ow I): 1, Another Hooligan (Mrs. F
Needharth. 13 ran. Open Mdn (Dw II): 1,
Goodwill Hit (D Coales). 13 ran.

ESSEX (Filiph Eastert: Humb 1, Jimmy Mac.
Jimmy (S R Andrews). 4 ran. Confired: 1,
Cardinal Red (Miss L Hollas). 10 ran. Rest: 1,
Unique Tribute (Miss L Hollas). 10 ran. Alon:
St. Gregory (Mrs. L Gibbon). 5 ran. Mdn
II. 1, Top Ol The Range (A Harvey). 8 ran. Mdn
II. 1, Raise A Loen (N Boom). 10 ran.

NORTH LEDBURY (Upton-On-Severn).

It 1, Raise A Loan (N Bloom). 10 ran.

NORTH: LEDBURY (Intron-Ch-sowers). Hurti: 1, Hackell's Fortune (H Wheelen). 6 ran.

Confined: 1, Sesterty (M Jackson). 16 ran.

Open: 1, Lost Fortune (H Wheelen). 6 ran.

Rest: 1, Kedies (A Philips). 17 ran. Ladies:
1, Stephens Pet (Miss A Dave). 4 ran. Open Mon. 1, Aldingtion Charle (H Wheelen). 15 ran. Open Mon. II: 1, National Case (S Blackwell). 17 ran. Open Mon III: 1, Pinel Abby (R Thomson). 17 ran.

CAKLEY (Newton Bromswold). Hunt: 1, Pinel Abby (R Thomson). 17 ran.

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Open: 1, Joburn (J Prichad) 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Green Archer (Miss S Duckett). 10 ran.

Risst: 1, Teaton Mill (B Pollock). 3 san. Mon (Dir (): 1, Teaton Mill (B Pollock). 7 ran.

Mon (B: 1, Sabre King (L Lay, 3-1 fav). 10 ran.

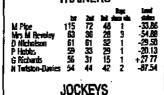
ran.
SILVERTON (Haldon): Hunt: 1, Feasome (G Pentold), 6 ran. Cornt: 1, Southern Right (Miss J Cunnings), 6 ran. Ladies: 1, Khattaf (Miss J Cunnings), 10 ran. Open: 1, Magnola Man (N Hams), 5 ran. Rest. 1, Magnola Man (N Hams), 5 ran. Rest. 1, Rushatong (A Farrard), 9 ran. Midn. 11, Darldown Strutter (M Burrows), 13 ran. Midn. 11, 1, Wall Timed (M Fifth); 13 ran. Midn. 11, Lelso Marmer (L Jellor), 10 ran. Late Marmer (J. Jellor). 10 ran.

SOUTH EAST HUNT'S CLUB (Chernsg):
Rest, 1, Brembledown (Mrs B Sillans). 13
ran. Club: 1, Nethertara (P Hackung). 8 ran.
Open: 1, Folk Qance (F Jeckson). 11 ran.
Lucles: 1, Our Survivor (Miss C Savell). 8
ran. Moderate: 1, Burromariner (A Welch). 4
ran. Midn 1: 1, Sovereign Spray (P Hackung).

10 ran. Midn 8: 1, St Robort (T Hala). 10 ran. 10 ran. Mich II: 1, St Ricbon (T Hale), 10 ran. TANATIDE (Eyton-On-Severn): Intermediate (Div I): 1, Orchestral Suhe (R White), 11 ran. Intermediate (Div I): 1, Ultrason IV (Mrs M Bhan), 11 ran. Lodies: 1, Out The Door (Mss S Baxter) 10 ran. Rest I: 1, Board Game (A Beedles) 15 ran. Rest (Div I): 1, Westoole Lad (W Bhyan), 12 ran. Midn (5-7yo; Div I): 1, Taura's Rascal (R Beyle), 14 ran. Midn (5-7yo; Div I): 1, Grey Rosette (M Worthington), 13 ran.

LEADERS OVER THE JUMPS

TRAINERS



A P McCoy D Bridgwater R Dumwoody P Nwen A Maguise

E REMETEN 2.20 Mouse Bird. 2.50 Lance Armstrong. 3.20 Daring King. 3.50 Royal Irish. 4.20 Minster's Madam. 4.50

Time Enough. 5.20 High Learle. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.20 BUCKLAND LAD. Carl Evans: 3.50 Royal Irish.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

2.20 ARDINGLY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,637: 2m 1f) (13 runners)

2-1 Mouse Bird, 4-1 Tadellal, 9-2 Meanl To Bu, 12-1 Run Henry Run, Dutosty, 14-1 Ballesalfolden, Another Monk, 16-1 others 2.50 WIVELSHELD NOVICES CHASE (£3,016: 2m 5f) (9)

3.20 DON BUTCHERS CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,193: 2m 41) (12) 301 0501 ESPRIT DE FEMME 14 (CD.F.S) D Browning 10-12-3 9 Femion (3) 83

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B Fenton (3) 83
302 24-4 JOMAL MAN 11 (C.S.) R O'Sulinea 7-11-7 ... M A Rizgerald 81
303 611- MOYNESHA HOLISE 360 (6.S.) B Curley 6-11-1 ... E Allurghy 85
304 6106 DARRING (100K 10 (S) M Allotto 6-11-1 P Hide 87
305 4205 ALTERNATION 53 (6) P Webber 7-10-11 Mr P Scott (7) 89
306 0112 TOUCH SLIVER 12 (S) H Masners 6-10-10 ... S Curren (3) 92
307 0-53 RAMALLAN 54 (CD.G.S.) J White 7-10-1 J F Titley 87
309 0100 TITAN EMPRES 13 (8, CD.S.) S Meller 7-10-4 ... M Masnes 6
309 0100 TITAN EMPRES 13 (8, CD.S.) S Meller 7-10-4 ... M Masnes 6
310 -0.54 BUCKLAND LAD 47 D Gessel 5-10-1 ... J J R Kammely 89
310 00 BE WARE 14 (C.S.) J Fitch-Heyes 8-10-0 ... A Thorston 85
312 0000 PEPPEROUE 14 R Roser 7-10-0 ... D O'Sullivan 6-1
4-1 Moynetis House, 9-2 Jovel Man, 5-1 Buckland Lad, 6-1 Touch Säver, 8-1
Damp Kag, Espni De Ferrare, Ramallah, 10-1 others.

SARLISE THUNDERER

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

2.10 SILVER BIACH NOVICES HURDLE (E3,165: 2m 1f) (14 runners) 4-6 Solomon's Dancer, B-1 Coloriul Ambélian, Dantys, Gorse, 10-1 Deep Fax, 12-1 Prince Equipame, Marbie Man, 16-1 others

2.40 WILLOW NOVICES HURDLE (£2,941: 3m 110yd) (7)

1 SPE BARNSTORMER 51 (6) E Bloot 10-11-3 ... K Jones
2 203 DAVID'S WAY 16 M Hymmond 7-11-3 ... P Riven
3 040 MANGCA 51 M Dods 6-11-3 ... T Reed
4 0366 MSS LAMPLIGHT 16 F Murtagh 6-10-12 ... A Dobbin
5 324 PEEP 0 DAY 16F (6F) J Eye 5-10-12 ... O Pears
6 000 SHEER GIFT 84 J Birlett 7-10-12 ... M Moloney
7 OP TESS O'TULLY 27 (N) F Murtagh 8-10-12 ... R Supple Evens Devid's Way, 9-4 Feep D Day, 8-1 Miss Lamplight, Mamica. 20-1 Barnstormer, Teca O'Turly, 33-1 Steer Gal.

3.10 ASH NOVICES CHASE

PU21 CAMABLIOU B 10 (S) Mar. S Bramali 6-11-10. Mr. K Whelan
2 OP CAVALLO 26 Mr. S Bramali 6-11-3. J Burtu
3 1-6U COMMANDEER 26 (S) Mas M Méligan 6-11-3. J Calladrian
4 OPS GIVE IT LALDY 47 L Lungo 6-11-3. J T Read
5 104 REAPERS ROCK 16 (S) Mr. S Sorth 9-11-3. Mr P Morray
6 /PS THE TITAN GHOST 48 (S) S Cootbup 7-11-3. M F P Morray

3.50 CLAPPER CHALLENGE CUP HUNTERS CHASE (Amaleurs: £1,506: 3m 1i 110yd) (6)

15-8 Royal Inch, 7-2 Paco's Boy, 4-1 Spang Fem 5-1 Loyal Note, 8-1 Ultis 25-1 Centre Stage

4.20 MEDIATEL HANDICAP HURDLE

501 - 232 NY EDITH 24 (CD.F.S) T. Julis, 6-12-0 . Chino Webb (5) 96
502 1-42 READY TO DRAW 11 (5) P. 9 Surbican 7-11-4 M. A. Frazgeraba 88
503 2500 SOPHIE MAY 47 (D.S) G.L. Kaone 5-10-11 . E. Murphy 93
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John Goodbody on Steve Coppell, football player-turned-long-distance runner

Marathon man's long road from Manchester United



Steve Coppell, second from left, training alongside Beverley Nicholas, the Arsenal representative, and Eamonn Martin, the winner of the 1993 London Marathon

days. He always

rums on grass — a

wise precaution given the state of

his knee — usually

round Richmond

Park or Woodcote

Park golf club. "Richmond Park is

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Before the mara-

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three laps. Every run is different.

Sometimes an hour

will breeze by. Fre-

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ballers are now

better athletes than

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preparation is more of a

science, but the performance

The challenge

enormous, ai-

teve Coppell has a among the record vendetta against longdistance running. Eight months after he retired as a professional footballer in 1984, after a career which included 42 England cups, he ran a half-marathon in Cheshire. He did not train and his injured left knee. which had ended his playing career, could well have buckled underneath him.

He recalls that, at ten miles, he "hit the wall" and could scarcely put one foot in front of another. "The crowd really tried to help. You do not want them to see you in that condition." He finished, however, in the 45min and an ambition was born."Since then. I have always wanted to get my own back on the marathon," he says.

On April 21, Coppell, a former Manchester United will be given his chance when he runs in the Flora London Marathon. He will be representing both the charity Sport Aiding Medical Research for Kids (SPARKS) and Crystal Palace, where he works as director of football.

Runners from about 100 professional clubs, wearing their own club strip, are

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number of 39,000 competitors who have been accepted for the event. Prizes will be given to the first club runner from each league to finish and also to the entrant who raises the most amount of money for their charity. The football

players themselves will not be competing. Running a marathon scarcely the best preparation for the son, when teams will be husbanding their reserves for games, which will determine promotion and relegation. So the responsi-

bility lies with nonplaying staff and even the team supporters. Coppell is still suffering from an arthritic knee and has difficulty in the stopping and turning, accelerating and

checking, which form so much

of the game. Steady-state run-

ning is less awkward and,

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Pounding the grass: Coppell and Martin

since the second week in January, Coppell, 40, has been running steadily. His first outing was 23 minutes. "It was awful," he says. He had planned to train five days a week and rest for two. However, he found this too much and now runs on alternate

£21,000

in prizes

organiser's pack which will enable to stage a heat, or merely require further information the

Heat organiser's pack

of long-distance runners still impresses me.' Coppell says that, without any conscious effort, he is now craving healthier foods rather than "garbage". "When you are preparing for a marathon, you do think a bit more. I have always been renowned for buying fish and chips." He believes in listening to his body and adjusts his training Introducing the biggest UK bridge accordingly, but he still writes down what he is planning to competition for players of all ability levels do. He is hoping to complete the race in under four hours

> f Coppell is coaching himself. Arsenal have the advantage of receiving advice from Mel Batty, the former ten-mile world record-holder and the man who guided Eamonn Martin to his victory in the 1993 London Marathon. Batty, an avid Arsenal supporter, and Alan Sefton, the club's sports development officer for the local community, have launched a joint effort to get the best from their representative, Beverley Nicholas.

"unless my knee blows up".

A former sprinter at Leyton Manor School, she is training three times a week: a two-hour steady run with Sefton round the parks near Highbury and two shorter sessions. Nicholas, 26, an aerobics

teacher and administrator at Arsenal's sports centre, says: 'I am enjoying the running, despite the recent cold." Her coaches seem to have been reluctant to depress her buoyant spirits. "I have not yet been told what the most difficult thing is about the marathon." The event seems to be attracting former professional players who have retired

through miury problems. Shaun Gore, 27, the former Fulham and Halifax player, will be representing Chelsea for whom he works as a community officer. He and his two assistants, Michael Cole and Christopher Harris, will be raising money for the British Diabetic Association. Shaum's sister, Jenny, suffers from diabetes.

Shaun says: "When we de-cided in November that we would try the marathon, we decided we would do it for a charity. It gives us incentive. If we can raise £1,000, we will go | c. Betrayal



to Ken Bates or Matthew Harding to see if they can match it." The trio train separately, although there is a morning between them when they review the previous night's training.

Gore, at 6ft 4in, is robustly built, but he has a damaged anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, so he has to be careful not to strain his leg with the pounding on the streets. His injury caused him to retire from professional football five years ago.
I have not found too much

difficulty with sore knees. It is more the boredom on the long runs," he says. He also has difficulty fitting the sessions into his work schedule, in which he organises coaching courses and community work for the club. "However, I feel drained if I have not been for a

participants in the event should also feel as they prepare for April 21.

Soling crew get ' wind of medal with Italian win

Edward Gorman, sailing correspondent,

on a British trio with high Olympic hopes

Britain's Olympic Soling team of Andy Beads-worth, Barry Parkin and Adrian Stead gave their medal prospects at the Games in the United States this summer a considerable boost with a convincing win at the Italian pre-Olympic regatta at Alassio over the weekend.

The team, led by Beadsworth, the three-times national match-racing champion. produced a dazzling start to record three wins in a row. They took a premature start in the fourth race, but finished with two fourths and two seventh places to clinch overall

Although this was a relatively small fleet of 28 boats, it included five former world champions, among Jochan Schuman. Germany, who finished second, and Jesper Bank, of Denmark, the 1992 Olympic champion, who was third.

Also in the fleet were the brothers. Luis and Manuel Doreste, of Spain, a country using the regatta as its Olympic selection trial, Marc Bouet. the leading French yachtsman, and the best

teams from East-'The fleet ern Europe, who included Beadsworth in the European Olymfive former pic qualifier in San Remo in a month. world Despite his proven record, es-

pecially as a match racer, Beadsworth is still relatively inexperienced in the Solings. At the Miami Olympic classes in January. he was twelfth overall in a competitive fleet, but seemed

to lack confidence. Eddie Warden Owen, who coaches the trio, identified at that time not only the confidence issue but also problems with changing gear, especially on the first beat, to make the best of wind shifts or changes in wind strength.

Warden Owen was delighted with the performance at Alassio. "We talked about reacting quickly to difficult situations," he said yesterday. They've identified that and that they are flexible in terms of what they want to achieve.

"Having got to know them

are a variety of influences there which, properly harnessed, will be very positive. It is not a skipper and a crew. but three guys contributing to make the boat go faster."

One significant change this week was the introduction of a stiffer mast. This helped in the fresh conditions at Alassio. though it can make rig-tuning more difficult in light airs. However, Beadsworth demonstrated his mastery of it by winning the only light-wind race of the week.

At the Olympics, the medals in the Soling class are decided by a series of match races between the leading six boats after the fleet racing has finished. Beadsworth has always looked a medal contender if he can produce the straight-line speed to get to the play-offs. He will need to reproduce this form to do that.

We are improving all the time and have proved we can win races against good opposition." Parkin said, as they packed for Punta Alla, also in Italy, where the world championships take place in two

weeks. The team will spend a week before the championships and Warden Owen will again join them. They will also have Dave Curris, of the United States, an champions' experienced

sailmaker, with them in the run-up to the championships.

Warden Owen will be emphasising the importance of confidence. They were erratic in Miami because they were finding out their position in the fleet." Warden Owen said. "Every day I was saying: 'Just get your confidence up

☐ Samantha Brewster, who is attempting to become the first woman to circumnavigate the world solo against the prevailing winds and currents, is having difficulties with the generator on hoard Heath Incured. The 67ft cutter's fuel comsumption has increased to the Southern Ocean, could run out before her voyage is complete.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT There were two points in the play on this hand. Dealer West North-South game Total points scoring

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(I) Weak: 6-10, six card suit. the club lead? As the cards lie it is best to take the first round with the ace, and after drawing two rounds of trumps lead up to the king of spades. As West only has one club, declarer is able to get a club away on the king of spades. in practice my partner, Steve Lodge, played low on the club. I think that is correct the clubs are more likely to be 5-2 than 6-1. However, here that enabled East to win and give his partner a club ruff. After ruffing the club West continued with ace and queen of spades. Declarer won in

dummy, discarding a dia-mond, and played the nine of hearts. East of course should duck this, and if he does declarer is in an awkward quandary as to whether to play East for the remaining three trumps. However, East put in the queen of hearts and

the trump position became

When you have a trump holding like East's, you should not cover a high card led from dummy unless you know you can promote your spot card. A more difficult form is when dummy has 107 x x. East has QJ8, and declarer AK9xxx If declarer intends to play trumps from the top, it does no harm to lead the ten from dummy - an unwary East

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☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend

WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CADUCTTY a. Dropping h. Carldishness

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b. Scratching

c. Inquisitive

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GIMMACES a. Absurd faces b. Reefs in a staysail Criminal chains SUPEREROGATION Inquisition

b. Charity

c. Superfluity Answers on page 37



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Sudden death

Alexander Alekhine, who died 50 years ago this year, is the champion Garry Kasparov. Kasparov has written that he was fascinated by Alekhine's games because "his attacks erupted like thunderstorms

from a clear sky". In the early 1930s Alekhine secured a sensational series of tournament victories, sometimes outdistancing his rivals by colossal margins. Such events included the tournaments at San Remo 1930, Bled 1931, London and Berne 1932 and Zurich 1934. In the last named of these Alekhine dealt a sudden death blow involving a spectacular queen sacrifice to one of his predecessors as world champion, the great master Emanuel Lasker.

White: Alexander Alekhine Black: Emanuel Lasker Zurich 1934

Queen's Gambit Declined 17 Nxt5 18 Qd6 19 Rtd1 20 Og3 21 Og5

25 Nf5+ 26 Oxg6 Diagram of final position

Victor Buerger Another sad loss has struck

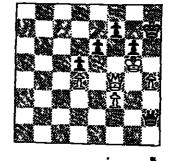
the British chess community with the death of Victor Buerger, an international standard player, who had inflicted defeat on a number of world champions, and who had also shone as an organiser at top level international competitions. Mr Buerger, in his later years, was also a prominent member of the Roehampton Chess Club.

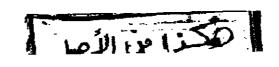
In 1927 he was the main fundraiser and organiser for the British Empire Club Tournament which was held in London. Apart from competing himself, many of the top players of the day, such as Nimzowitsch, Vidmar and Bogolyubov, competed. Buerger himself won games, but not at this event, from the world champions Alexander Alekhine and Max Euwe.

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING WOTE By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Matochin -Kuzmin, USSR 1970. Black is a pawn ahead and could win easily enough by exchanging queens. However, he found a neat tactical sequence which resulted in a quicker win. Can





enjoy. Accordingly, the board should confine itself to determin-

ing the validity of the reasons

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Alternatively, he submitted, the

board should apply a different test:

vhether it was positively satisfied

that recall was necessary to pre-

vent the commission of, here,

further serious sexual assaults of

the kind which had led to the

His Lordship rejected those sub-

missions. It would be subversive of

the review regime established by the Act if the board confined itself

to reviewing the validity of the secretary of state's reasons for

What mattered was the judg-

ment of the board as an indepen-dent quasi-judicial review body.

not the judgment of the secretary of

state, as an arm of the executive.

He was a party to the review and of

course his evidence and sub-

missions had to be received and

own mind and give its own

mine the integrity of the system if

the hoard were to defer to the

secretary of state's view unless it

were shown to be wrong. It was

Although his Lordship found the

itself the primary decision-maker

persuausive, he nevertheless re-

I Even when released on licence, a

discretionary life sentence prisoner

remained subject to that sentence,

passed because of the likelihood of

2 By the time the board conducted

was back in prison continuing to

3 Section 39(4) prescribed no statutory test which the board was

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section 39(5) and section 34(3) were

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Safety test appropriate for prisoner's recall

Regina v Parole Board, Ex parte Watson

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Rose and Lord Justice Roch [Judgment March 4]

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The public safety test prescribed by section 34(4)(b) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 and applied by the Parole Board in considering the mitial release of a discretionary life sentence prisoner was equally appropriate where, under section 39(4), the board reviewed the case of such a prisoner who had been released on licence but recalled on its revocation.

The independence and objectivity of the board in the exercise of its review powers under section 39(4) was not compromised by the extrastatutory practice whereby the Home Secretary's recall of a pris-oner was confirmed by the board

The Court of Appeal so held. dismissing an appeal by David Watson from Mr Justice Popplewell who had refused his application for judicial review of the Parole Board's decision, taken on the review of his case under section 39(4), not to recommend his release following his recall to

In 1975 Watson had been convicted on a number of counts of buggery and indecent assault on schoolboys. He received a discretionary sentence of life imprisonment. In February 1993 he was released on licence, on terms that he be supervised by a probation officer.

Following his association with oung men, and in particular a boy of 17 whose presence in his home he hid from the probation officer, he was initially warned about his future conduct and a further condition was attached to

However in March 1994, on the recommendation of the probation staff, his licence was revoked under section 39(2) of the 1991 Act and his recall to prison was considered and confirmed by the

In July 1994, following a full hearing on the board's review of his case under section 39(4) at which Watson was represented by counsel and substantial documentary material was placed before it, the board declined to direct his release on licence.

Mr Edward Fitzgerald, QC, for Watson; Mr Steven Kovats for the

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, referring to the 1991 Act and, in particular, to sections 34 and 39, said that the scheme of the provisions was clear: once a discretionary life sentence prisoner had served the penal, or tariff, term of his sentence he might require the secretary of state to refer his case to the board which, if satisfied that it was no longer necessary for the protection of the public that the prisoner should be confined, would direct his release, the secretary of state then being required to release him on licence:

Recall might be effected either by recommendation of the board under section 39(1), or, as in the present case, under the emergency procedure in section 39(2) whereby the secretary of state revoked his licence and recalled him without that recommendation if it was expedient in the public interest to do so, and impracticable to obtain

On the latter procedure the case had to be referred to the board, and where it directed immediate release on licence the secretary of state was obliged to give effect to

Since Watson was recalled under section 39(2) the secretary of state was under no statutory obligation to consult the board at that stage or before the case was referred to the board under section

In practice after a section 39(2) recall the secretary of state did do so, and if the board considered the recall unreasonable, would consider release.

The first challenge was to the lawfulness of the extra-statutory confirmation by the board in March 1994. It was said that procedure:

I Compromised the board's standing as a review body independent of the executive by involving it in the process of recall; 2 Denied him any right at that

stage to a fair hearing and an opportunity to make representations;

Pre-empted or unfairly influenced the board's section 39(4) 4 Gave rise to a real danger of bias: see R v Gough ([1993] AC 646).

His Lordship rejected that chall-enge. The confirmation procedure adopted in the case was not objectionable. To condemn it could only work to the disadvantage of those recalled under section 39(2). It would not make sense to impose the requirements of a full he step which was clearly intended to be tentative and

While the procedure would be objectionable if there was reason to suppose that those conducting the later review would feel that they could not direct release on licence without appearing to disagree with or impliedly criticise those who there was no such reason.

No one who reached a decision on full argument and evidence following a hearing between the parties accused of error or npliedly criticised the maker of a preliminary decision taken on earing one party alone.

The standing of those condu ing the review under section 39(4) s sufficient guarantee of complete independence and objectivity The earlier confirmation would be seen as part of the history but in itself of no weight. There was no

His Lordship turned to the second issue whether, as the board had considered, the same test was applicable on a review under section 39(4) as that applied on an initial consideration for elease under section 34(4)(b).

Mr Fitzgerald had submitted that it was not, that once a prisoner was substantially at liberty. There was no longer a presumption in absence of express statutory provision it was to be assumed that the and ground had to be shown for depriving the former prisoner of same test was applicable; 4 In exercising its practical judgthe freedom he was held entitled to

ment, the board was bound to approach its task under the two ections in the same way, balanc ing the hardship and injustice of ing to imprison a man unlikely to cause serious injury to the public against the need to protect the public against a man not unlikely to cause such injury.

That, in other than a clear case, was bound to be a difficult and anxious judgment. But in the final halance the board was bound to give preponderant weight to the ed to protect innocent members of the public against any significant risk of serious injury. That was the test which section 34/44/b) ppropriate under section 39(4).

Had the board adopted a test more favourable to Watson, it eared from its decision letter that it would nonetheless have held facts. But the board had applied the right test.

His Lordship, rejecting Mr Fitz-gerald's challenge to the merits of the board's decision, referred to the ctual material on which his submission was based, in particular, that Watson had committed no criminal offence and broken no condition of his licence.

Those were fair points but they ere matters for the board. It was not for the court to second guess ial. It was evident from its letter that the board had reviewed the case fully.

There was material before it which could found a reasonable apprehension of serious injury to members of the public if Watson were released on licence at that

The judge reached the right answer for the right reasons. Lord Justice Rose and Lord Justice Roch delivered concurring Solicitors: Birnberg & Co; Trea-

a computer and unauthorised modification of computer material. The applicant, a Russian citizen, was alleged to have used his skill as a computer programmer, inter alia, to gain access to a US bank and divert funds into his own false

Section 69 of the 1984 Act provides: "(1) In any proceedings, a statement in a document produced by a computer shall not be admis-sible as evidence of any fact stated therein unless it is shown - (a) that there are no reasonable grounds for believing that the statement is inaccurate because of improper use of the computer; (b) that at all material times the computer was operating properly. . . '

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Brixton Prison and Another,

Before Lord Justice Beldam and

Extradition proceedings were

criminal proceedings for the pur-poses of section 72 of the Police and

Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and

accordingly magistrates had a discretion to admit computer print-

outs under section 69 of that Act.

The Queen's Bench Divisional

udgment dismissing an applica-

ion by Vladimir Levin for a writ o

habeas corpus following his committal to Brixton Prison on

September 20, 1995 by Mr R. Bartle, Metropolitan Stipendiary

Magistrate, to await a decision as to his extradition to the United

States to stand trial on 60 charges.

including theft, lorgery, false

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Ex parte Levin

Mr Justice Morison

[Judgment March 1]

Section 72 provides: "(1) Mr R. Alun Jones, QC and Mr

James Lewis for the applicant; Mr Paul Garlick for the governor and the US Governmen

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM, giving the judgment of the court, said that the plaintiff had contended that records of the instructions and transfers contained in the computer printouts were hear section 69 of the 1984 Act because that did not apply to extradition

He contended the court was bound by its own decision in R v Governor of Belmarsh Prison and Another, Ex parte Francis (The Times April 12, 1995; [1995] I WLR

extradition proceedings were not Regina v Governor of criminal proceedings in which a power under section 78 of the 1984 Act to exclude evidence.

Criminal evidence rules

apply to extradition

In the view of their Lordships, if that decision was to be taken as having decided that the proceedings before the magistrate were not criminal proceedings it was wrong and should not be followed.

It was inconsistent with the opinions in Amand v Home Sec retary and Another (1943) AC 147) which had approved the decision of the Court of Appeal in Exparte Woodhall ((1888) 20 QBD 832) which bound the divisi Proceedings before the commi ting magistrate were properly d as criminal having their birth or origin in acts or conduct punishable under the criminal law

and were not in a separate class of Further, in so far as it had been suggested that Part VII of the 1984 Act did not apply to committal proceedings, their Lordships adered to the view expressed in RvKing's I van Magistantes Court Fy parte Holland (1993) | WLR 324), that the words "criminal proceedings" where used in section 72 and

section 82 included comminal proceedings for the reasons given The magistrate was to apply the provisions of the Act exercising his ers "as near as may be" as if he were hearing ordinary committal proceedings: see paragraph 6(1) of Schedule I of the Extradition Act

The applicant further submitted that the magistrate should not have admitted the computer printouts of the bank's records because inter alia, as the computer had been improperly used by the tion 69 had not been properly complied with.

In their Lordships' judgment, merely because there had been unauthorised use of the computer was not of itself a ground for believing that the statements recorded by it were inaccurate in the sense that the instruction had not been given. it would have been absurd to

hold that a computer printout could not be given in evidence to prove that an accused had obtained unauthorised access to the computer for the purposes of the crime. The requirements of section 69(1) had been complied with.

The next question was whether the evidence produced by the US

ing to English law to justify the applicant's committal for trial if the acts or omissions constituting accused had been committed in England.

One of the offences with which the applicant had been charged was forgery and false accounting. The applicant argued that the offence could not be committed by entering a computer password and other information because that did not create an instrument, as required for the offence of forgery nder section I of the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981, within the meaning of section S(I)(d) of the

The records contained in the computer were stored in magnetic disk media and in their Lordships view that disk was within the definition of "instrument" Had the applicant made a fulse

disk? A disk embraced the information stored as well as the medium on which it was stored of the paper and the printing upon it. Thus by entering false instructions on to the disk it was falsified. It was also argued by the applicant that even if the instrument amounted to a forgery it had been made in Russia. Reject-

ing that contention, their Lordships said that the applicant's electronically with the bank's computer in the US; as the applicant pressed the keys his actions, as he ntended, recorded or stored poses simultaneously on the mag neuc disk of the computer. That was where the instrument was created and where the act constituting the offence was done. On the charges of theft, their Lordships continued that in the

case of virtually instantaneous instruction intended to take effect where the computer was situated. it seemed artificial to regard the insertion of an instruction on to the disk as having been dome only at the remote place where the keyboard was situated.

The fact that the applicant was physically in Russia was of far less ance than the fact that he was looking at and operating on magnetic disks located in the US. Accordingly, the magistrate had been right to commit the applicant in custody and the application would be refused.

Solicitors: Reynolds Dawson; Crown Prosecution Service.

Error in extension of time both submissions adopted too ex-

Lewis v Harewood Before Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Morritt

[Judgment February 23] A judge erred in granting a plaintiff a retrospective extension of time for service of a summons. inter alia, in failing to apply the principle that the discretion must be sparingly exercised in order to ensure compliance with time limits that were advisedly given a short duration in the interests of ensur-

ing a speedy dispatch of litigation. The Court of Appeal so stated in allowing an appeal by Mr Andrew Harewood against an order of Judge Neville, in Exeter County Court on June 21, 1995 confirming. on appeal, the consecutive orders of two district judges who had Lewis, a restrospective extension of time for the service of a summons m a personal injury action.

Mr William Coley for the appellant defendant: Mr Martin Edmunds for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE WAITE said that it was common ground that Order 7, rule 20 of the County Court Rules 1981 corresponded closely with Order 6, rule 8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court and that both rules were governed by the principles laid down in Kleinwort Benson Ltd v Barbrak Ltd ([1987] AC 597).

Those provided that where the extension application was made when the time allowed for service and the primary limitation period had both expired the plaintiff

1 Show good reason for the grant of an extension for service of his

2 Provide a satisfactory explanation for his failure to apply for an extension before the validity period for service of the process had expired: and

3 Satisfy the court that the circumstances of the case, when considered as a whole with due regard to the balance of prejudice or hardship as between both parties, required its discretion to be exercised in favour of an extension.

A difference of opinion had was proper to take the third principle into account when considering the first and second. For the defendant, it had been abmitted that the first and second had to be decided first as preliminary issues of fact before any question of discretion could arise For the plaintiff it had been

cretion fell to be considered at every stage.

The effect of guidance given by Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, in Ward-Lee v Lineham ([1993] | WLR 754) and Barr v Barr (1994) PIQR 45) made it clear that

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contended that matters of dis-

The law lay somewhere between them and could be summarised thus: A judge exercising the discretion to extend time in such circumstances had to conduct the

nquiry in two stages.

He must first be satisfied, at stage one, that there was good that the plaintiff had given a satisfactory explanation for his failure to apply before the validity expired. If he was not so satisfied that was the end of the proceedings.

If he was satisfied then he must go on, at stage two to a general exercise of a discretion involving a consideration of all the circumstances including the balance of prejudice or hardship.

uers reievani ai stage iwo were not, however, irrelevant at stage one. There was a degree of overlap and a judge addres inquiry at stage one was emitted and bound to take into account any matters which appeared to him to be relevant to the issues of good reason and satisfactory explanation notwithstanding that the same matters would also be relevant, assuming it arose at all, to the exercise of his discretion at

Lord Justice Morritt agreed. Solicitors: Veitch Penny. Exeter; Mr A. Grayson, Exeter.

Presumption of fertility

Figg v Clark (Inspector of Before Mr Justice Blackburne [Judgment February 14]

In ascertaining the entitlement of beneficiaries under a trust, regard could not be had to a living person's incapacity to have children and the court would ascertain entitlement on the footing that an individual remained capable of having a child until the time of his death.

For the ourposes of section 54 of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 four children born to a father who later suffered serious injuries in a hunting accident resulting in his being incapable of fathering furentitled to trust assets at the time of their father's death and not from the time of his accident.

Mr Justice Blackburne so held in the Chancery Division dismissing an appeal by Sir Leonard Figg, th sole trustee of a 1963 settlement of shares in Liberty & Co made for the benefit of the late Mr Arthur Stewart-Liberty and his family, from a determination of a special commissioner upholding in prin-ciple an estimated assessment to capital gains tax for 1990-91 in the sum of £1,450,000. Section 54(1) of the 1979 Act, now section 71(1) of the Taxation of

Chargeable Gains Act 1992, provides: "On the occasion when a person becomes absolutely entitled to any settled property as against the trustee all the assets forming part of the settled property to which he becomes entitled shall be deemed to have been disposed of by the trustee ... for a consideration equal to their market value."

Mr Robert Ham. QC, for the trustee; Mr Michael Purness for

MR JUSTICE BLACKBURNE said that from 1963 the trustee had held shares in Liberty & Co for the children of Mr Stewart-Liberty
now living or hereafter to be born
... as shall attain the age of 21
years and if more than one in equal shares". In 1964, as a result of an accident, Mr Stewart-Liberty was paralysed from the chest down and thereafter had no realistic prospect of fathering further children. He

died in July 1990. The question was whether Mr Stewart-Liberty's four children, who all attained the age of 21 years, became absolutely entitled as against the trustee on the occasion of the death of their father or on some earlier date

Mr Ham argued that as from the time the father became in capable of begetting children, the class of children taking under the settlement closed. His object in so arguing was not to avoid tax but to minimise the amount of notional gain brought into charge prior to an actual disposal of the settled property.

The proposition advanced for

the Crown was that in ascertaining the beneficial entitlements of beneficiaries under a trust instrument, and, in particular, the date or dates on which those entitlements become indefeasible, the court would not have regard to the impossibility of a given individ-ual having children and would ascertain those entitlements on the footing that every individual re-mained capable of having a child until the end of his life. However, evidence of incapacity

sible to show what the testator or settlor meant by particular words or phrases used in the instrument. It was common ground that there was a rule against admitting evidence of a person's incapacity to have children applicable to the operation of the rules against perpetuities and excessive accumulations: see Jee v Audley ((1787) 1 Cox 324) and In re Dawson

might be admitted, Mr Furness

said, if it was relevant and admis-

((1888) 39 ChD 155). But Mr Ham said that that principle was restricted to those matters and that outside of them the court had admitted evidence of incapacity in deciding the rights of beneficiaries. He referred to In re Lowman (1895) 2 Ch 348). However, the court was bound by the Court of Appeal decision in In re Hocking ([1898] 2 Ch 567) and by In re Daw In re Deloitte (1926) Ch 56) to accept the Crown's case. In re Lowman was not a case

where the court had admitted evidence of incapacity in order to determine beneficial rights but was one of the court exercising its administrative jurisdiction. The course so attractively gued by Mr Ham could not be adopted. In particular it was important not to confuse the rule

inst admitting evidence of incapacity in order to prove a beneficiary's entitlement with the question of the court's administrative jurisdiction. Moreover, if Mr Ham was correct then, as soon as a relevant individual became infertile, trustees would become nominees of the And that would happen even if

nobody realised the situation at the

time. The Crown's approach would avoid that difficulty. Further, section 54(1) of the 1979 Act would become virtually unworkable in many cases; requiring investigations into the precise date on which a person ceased to be capable of producing children. In the events that happened, Mr Stewart-Liberty's children only became absolutely entitled as against the trustee on his death in July

Solicitors: Cameron Markby Hewitt; Solicitor, Inland Revenue.

Accident through use of vehicle Mr Dermod O'Brien, OC and Mr Bradley Martin for the in-

Dunthorne v Bentley and Others Before Lord Justice Rose, Lord Justice Pill and Lord Justice Hutchison

Judgment February 26 A judge was entitled to conclude that an accident caused by a person negligently running across a road arose out of that person's use of her motor vehicle which she had earlier parked at the side of the

The Court of Appeal so held nissing an appeal by the second defendants, Comhill In-surance plc, against the decision of Mr Justice Laws in the Oueen's Bench Division on September 9. 1994 that they were liable for injuries caused to the plaintiff, Mr Mark Dunthorne.

The car that the plaintiff was driving had struck Mrs Bentley when she ran across the road into his path. Mrs Bentley was fatally injured and the plaintiff suffered serious head injuries.

The plaintiff claimed damages against the first defendants. Donald Bentley and David Hume, the administrators of Mrs Bentley's estate, who admitted negligence, and against Mrs Rentley's insurance company on the ground that, as the accident arose out of the use of Mrs Bentley's vehicle, they were liable under the terms of her motor insurance policy.

surance company; Mr Guy Sankey, QC, for the plaintiff. LORD JUSTICE ROSE said

that Mrs Bentley had been driving her car when she ran out of petrol. She had parked her car with the hazard lights flashing and stood at the rear of the car. After about 10 minutes, she had been seen by a colleague who stopped her car on the opposite side of the road. Mrs Bentley had run across the road and the accident had occurred.

The crucial question was whether the plaintiff's injuries were "caused by, or arising out of" use by Mrs Bentley of her car. If so the insurance company under its policy, which precisely followed the words of section 145 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 requiring drivers to insure against liability to third parties, was obliged to satisfy the judgment obtained against Mrs

The judge had inferred from the facts that Mrs Bentley had been running across the road to obtain help, in particular to get petrol to restart her car, and he concluded that that was closely and causally connected with her use of her car and the resulting accident arose out of such use

The insurance company argued that Mrs Bentley's car had been safely and properly parked 10 minutes before the accident occurred and that the accident had arisen as a result of her decision as a nedestrian to run across the road. The use of her vehicle could not be altered because of her particular motive in crossing the road.

His Lordship was unable to for being in the road when she came into collision with the plaintiff's car was irrelevant and should be disregarded. The reason why she was crossing the road was one of the factors which had to be considered when determini whether the accident arose out of the use of her car. How the activity of crossing the

road was to be categorised and whether it could be said to arise out of some other activity had to be judged objectively according to the circumstances of the case. To exclude consideration of the pedestrian's purpose would be an unwarranied disregard of common The question whether the ac-

cident arose out of the use of Mrs one of fact and the judge had been he did.

Lord Justice Pill and Lord Justice Hutchison gave concurring judgments. Solicitors: Beachcroft Stanleys;

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WEDNESDAY

Interims: Ricardo Group, Shire Pharmaceutical, Throgmorton Dual Trust, Zambia Copper Investments Finals: Charles Baynes, BPP Holdings, Brent International, Church & Co, English China Clays, Fleming Mercantile IT, Furlong Homes, Govett Global Smaller Companies, Haden Mad ellan, Hentrey Mil.

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THURSDAY

Interims: BZW Endowment Fund. F&C High Income IT, Logica, Sirdar, Television Corporation

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Finets: Anglo American Industrial Corp, Biotrace International, Bostrom, British Mohair Holdings, BTR, Coats Viyella, CU Environmental Trust, Davis Service Group, Emess, Exco, Jeyes Group, Legal & General, Mayflower Corp, Micro Focus Group, Mirror Group, Minorco, MTL Instruments, Pittards, Reckitt & Colman Steel Burtil Jones Holted

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Gander Holdings, Johnson Group Cleaners, Molins,

Mowlern (John), Perry Group, Serif, Wembley.

Interims: Walker (Thomas).

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BTR focus on long-term strategy

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Economic statistics: Industrial production (January), producer prices (February). BTR: The spotlight at the diversi-fied industrial conglomerate will be on Ian Strachan, BTR's new chief executive, who joined from RTZ and took the helm from Alan Jackson in January. Analysts will look to Mr Strachan to provide some insight into BTR's longer-

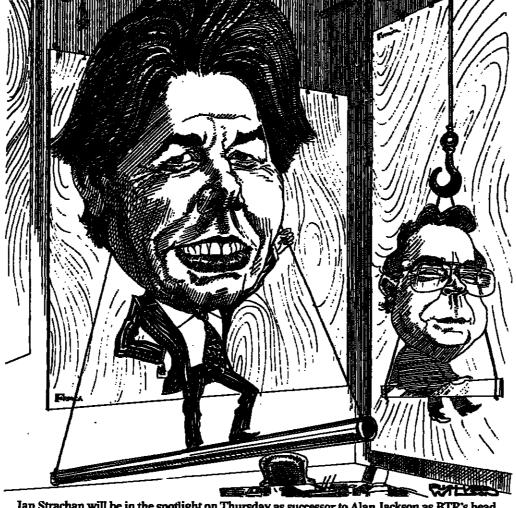
term strategic issues. BTR is likely to have witnessed a mixed trading picture. The group will have had a tough time in markets, including automotive, construction and chemicals, but should have seen an improvement in some of its industrial manufacturing and mid-cycle engineering operations. Andrew Hollins, of Kleinwort Benson, has pencilled in "clean" full-year, pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, of £1_38 billion (£1_3 billion). Kleinwort expects headline pretax profits, after exceptional disposal gains, to rise to £1.54 billion (£1.41 billion), with a final dividend of 8.7p (8.3p) predicted. Market forecasts range from

TI GROUP: A stronger performance from the Dowty aerospace business should help TI, the specialist engineering group, to another solid set of results when it reports tomorrow. Sandy Morris at NatWest Securities has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £180 million (£147.8 million), with a dividend of 13p (12p) predicted. Market forecasts range from £175 million to £188 million.

£1.38 billion to £1.61 billion.

The advance should be driven by solid performances from the John Crane division, which makes engineered seals; Bundy, which makes narrow-gauge tubing for brake, fuel and refrigeration systems; and Dowty, which specialises in aircraft landing gear. Dowty aeorspace profits are expected to rise to £39 million (£30.2 million). Analysts also await news on possible deals.

COATS VIYELLA: Britain's biggest textiles firm is expected to reveal a decline in Thursday's full-year results as consumers shunned the high streets last year when the economy was sluggish and the weather exceptionally warm. After a profits warning in December, market estimates for full-year pre-tax profits range



lan Strachan will be in the spotlight on Thursday as successor to Alan Jackson as BTR's head

between £142.5 million and £147.5 million, compared with £152.4 million previously. Attention will focus on current trading and prospects. Analysts are hopeful that the current year will see an upturn as prices for cotton and many man-made fibres have begun to ease, while consumer spending seems to be picking up.

PRUDENTIAL: Britain's biggest institutional investor is expected tomorrow to report final pre-tax profits of £765 million (5693 million), according to UBS, with a dividend of 15.5 (14.4p)

predicted. Market forecasts range from £740 million to £800 million. UBS says that life business remains tough, in both Britain and America, while Prudential's new venture into mortgages looks "more challenging every day".

WILLIAMS HOLDINGS: Progress from the fire-protection and security division should offset tough conditions at Williams's building products division, with demand for housing remaining depressed in Europe and the United States. BZW expects the international manufucturing group to report a rise in final pretax profits, due tomorrow, to £225.3 million (£200.3 million). with a dividend of 14.5p (13.5p) predicted. Market forecasts range from £220 million to £230 million, including an exceptional gain of about £9 million from the flotation of Cortworth.

LEGAL & GENERAL: The composite insurer rounds off the reporting season with its results on Thursday. Bad-weather and subsidence claims could push UK underwriting into the red, but

investment activity. UBS expects UK life insurance profits to be £115 million, while pre-tax profits are forecast to climb to £252 million (£165 million), with a dividend of 25p (21.7p) predicted. Market forecasts range from £232 million to £275 million.

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REED INTERNATIONAL: Continued margin improvement should help the media group report steady growth in earnings on Wednesday, with final pre-tax profits expected to advance by 14 per cent to £374 million, according to UBS. A dividend of 23.5p (21.5p) is predicted. The results for 1995 will include a maiden fullyear contribution from Lexis Nexis, the academic publishing business acquired at the end of 1994. Reed Elsevier, the group's Anglo-Dutch parent, is forecast to report an increase in full-year profits to E715 million (£606 million), according to Panmure Gordon. Market forecasts for Reed Elsevier range from £705 million to £716 million.

UNITED BISCUITS: The McVitie's to KP snacks food group is expected to disappoint investors on Thursday with dras-tically reduced annual profits, hit by a combination of rising costs and the effects of last year's £320 million disposal of Keebler, the US biscuit manufacturer. Analysts expect pre-tax profits before exceptional items to slump to between £51 million and £90 million, compared with £169 million last time. The disposal of Keebler may push United into the red. UBS forecasts a pre-tax loss of £40.5 million. The dividend is predicted to be cut to 8p (15.3p).

CORDIANT: The effects of a traumatic year for Cordiant, the advertising agency formerly known as Saatchi & Saatchi, will become apparent when it reports tomorrow. Panmure Gordon expects the group to slide to a loss after the impact of severance costs associated with the departure of key executives. Panmure expects operating profits of about £5.4 million, though attention will focus on any comments about new client accounts

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

All eyes are on America

AFTER Friday's shock news of a 705,000 jump in US non-farm payrolls in February. the biggest monthly rise for 12 years and twice as big as any Wall Street economist had expected, the financial markets will be particularly sensitive to American economic statistics out this week.

These include February producer prices and consumer prices, and economists will be looking to see whether inflationary trends. which have been particularly benign during the recovery, have remained so. These figures are key background to the March 26 meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee. which will discuss interest rate policy.

Industrial production figures for February are due on Friday and are expected to show a very small bounce back after January's sharp, weather-related fall. However, the iohs figures may mean that there is a bigger rebound. On Thursday, initial weekly unemployment claims for early March are released. These figures will be closely examined for any evidence that February's non-farm payrolls may have been erratic.

In Britain, this week's statistics are expected to provide further justification for Friday's quarter-point cut in base rates. Today, industrial production figures are released for January and are expected to show a very small rise in manufacturing output. Today also sees publication of producer prices data for February, which are expected to show that raw materials prices are continuing to fall.

On Wednesday, labour market data are expected to show that annual growth in average earnings remained unchanged at 3.25 per cent in January, and another fall in headline unemployment in February.

The other main focus of attention is Thursday's meeting of the Bundesbank's policy-making council. Speculation of lower German rates is rife, given the recent poor data on unemployment and GDP, which fell 0.5 per cent in the fourth quarter. This was the first quarterly fall for three years.

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SUNDAYTIPS

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Japanese lenders quit struggling Eurotunnel

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

EUROTUNNEL'S Japanese banks, the biggest single lending group in the company's £8 billion loan syndicate, have begun off-loading Eurotunnel debt at a knock-down price in advance of March 31 year ends. Two tranches of debt nominally worth a total of up to

£100 million were sold by smaller Japanese banks last week and a third, far larger, slice, with a face value described as substantially above £100 million, is on offer. The loans are changing

Rolls to strike deal with rival

By Ross Tieman INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ROLLS-ROYCE will today announce a collaboration agreement with General Electric of America to develop jointly an engine to power an Anglo-American strike aircraft that will replace the Harrier jump-jet and F16 Eagle.

Under a far-reaching collaboration deal, Rolls will share 30 per cent of the work on the F120 engine. It is the first military engine collaboration between the British company and its US arch-rival. The engine is one of two being developed to power the joint advanced strike technology (JAST) air-

McDonnell Douglas working with British Aerospace is offering a rival design powered by the F119 engine from Pratt & Whitney in which Rolls has a smaller interest. Boeing is also offering a design for the \$2 billion aircraft development programme. Britain's Ministry of Defence is contributing \$200 million ning a 10 per cent interest for British companies in the aircraft, which is expected to replace the Royal

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Navy's Sea Harriers. After buying US engine maker Allison last year. Rolls found itself teamed with GE in developing the main engine for the Lockheed Martin design and the lift engine, intended to enable short take-off and vertical landing.



loan books this year. Many have made 30 to 35 per cent provisions for Eurotunnel debt and may use the year end to raise these to 70 per cent, bringing their book value in

have sold out represent only a

outstanding debt and the ma-

jor Japanese "city" banks have

yet to make a move. Japanese

banking experts said that they

would wait until the new

financial year because they had already suffered huge

write-offs from their domestic

line with market value. Specialists in the distressed debt market pointed out that loans issued by Brent Walker and Queens Moat Houses, two other companies struggling under mountains of debt built up in the 1980s and early 1990s, are traded at up to 80p in the pound. The closest comparison is with the nonperforming debt owed by some African and South American countries, they said.

Eurotunnel is waiting to put forward its restructuring plans while two mediators appointed by a French court, Lord Wakeham and Robert Badinter, a former French Justice Minister, conclude their talks with banks and shareholders.

They are expected to report in early summer on whether there is any possibility of a compromise between Eurotunnel ment, Eurotunnel faces a bleak future beyond March of next year, when its interest standstill agreement expires. The company needs the consent of banks representing two thirds of the value of the loans to extend the standstill.

Failing that, Eurotunnel will quickly be in default of loan agreements because its revenues still barely cover operating costs and capital ex-penditure. It would then be technically insolvent.

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This is the end game for cutting interest ast Friday's 25bp cut in base rates, the third in GILT-EDGED four months,

brought short-term interest rates down from a peak of 6.75 per cent at the time of last November's Budget to 6 per cent. The authorities have had no difficulty in justifying these cuts. Recent economic data, supported by business surveys, have shown stagnation in manufacturing output. and continued below-trend growth in GDP, as companies have sought to reverse an undesired increase in

The economy has now grown at a below-trend rate in every quarter since the beginning of 1995. This has contributed to a sharp drop in producer output price inflation and a stable rate of increase in underlying retail prices and average earnings. Since these con-

probably persist for several more months, the Chancellor of the Exchequer may feel in-

clined to keep interest rates on a downward path.

However, we are now in the end game as far as cerned. Although there is no near-term threat to the inflation outlook, a number of forward-looking indicators of inflation are beginning to flash amber once again. The most striking of these has been the acceleration in broad money growth. Annual M4 growth has doubled over the past year, to 10.7 per cent in January. Even allowing for known special factors, M4 growth is comfortably above the Government's 3 to 9 per cent monitoring range.
Given the unpredictable.

relationship between M4 and inflation, it is understandable that the authorities have been inclined to play down the significance of the rise in the broad money growth. This is legitimate, provided other leading indicators of inflation remain benign. Throughout much of 1995, this was the case, but the situation is now

For instance, there has been a renewed pick-up in narrow money growth, another use-ful leading indicator of inflation. Notes and coin increased by 0.9 per cent between January and February, taking the annual growth rate up from 5.7 per cent to 6.4 per cent. Coupled with upbeat responses from retailers in

With mortgage rates at their lowest for almost 30 years, the housing market seems set to strengthen further

> the latest CBI Distributive Trades Survey, this indicates that the strong rebound in retail sales observed around the turn of the year has been

maintained in February. The housing market is showing much more widespread signs of recovery. According to the Halifax Building Society, house prices rose for the seventh successive month in February. Prices have risen at an annual rate of 4.4 per cent over the past six months. The Nationwide house price index shows an annualised increase of 4 per cent over the same period. Activity in the housing market is also on the up. There has recently been a strong rise

and this is beginning to be reflected in mortgage lending and, importantly, in housing turnover. With mortgage rates at their lowest for almost 30 years, the housing market seems set to strength en further. None of these factors pose

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any immediate threat to the Government's inflation target. The Bank of England is right to believe that the odds favour a decline in underlying inflation to below the Government's target ceiling of 2.5 per cent over the next year. However, the prospects of keeping inflation below 2.5 per cent in the second half of 1997 and in 1998 are becoming less certain. This argues for caution from now on in monetary policy. Base rates could fall another 25bp between now and mid-year, but this is likely to be the

last cut. The problem for gilt market investors in coming months is that the Chan-

cellor's judgment between now and the general election may be influenced as much by political considerations as economic ones. With an election due by May 1997, there is clearly a risk that the Chancellor will give too much weight to prospective inflation developments over the next 12 to 14 months and not enough to developments beyond then. This could easily become the source of renewed disagreement over policy with the Bank. In this environment, a sustained drop in gilt yields from current levels is

DAVID WALTON Goldman Sachs International

Lloyd Webber in power station talks

By CARL MORTISHED

the composer and theatre tycoon, is negotiating to acquire a substantial interest in Battersea Power Station.

His entertainment company. The Really Useful Group, is in talks with the derelict south London landmark and have plans for a £200 million redevelopment of the site as a leisure and shopping complex.
Sir Andrew, the composer of

Caus, is expected to take a quarter share in the project alongside the Hwangs, Gordon Group, the American developer, and BAA, the airports group.

BAA has invested heavily in transforming its airports into successful shopping malls and

SIR Andrew Lloyd Webber, has recently linked up with McArthur Glen to develop factory outlet shopping. Last month, BAA emerged as a partner with the Hwangs on a feasibility study to rede-

velop the power station site. The Hwangs, who are control of Battersea Power Station three years ago from John Broome, the leisure

Plans to transform the listed art deco building into an entertainment complex were thwarted by the property sector collapse and recession.

The new owners have plans for a 37-screen multiplex cinema, a theatre and shopping complex with a rail link to Victoria and Clapham

Change tack to win projects, says E&Y

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

ATTEMPTS to attract inward internal competition is necesinvestment projects to differ-ent parts of England suffer from over-competition and an often wasted use of resources. a study of efforts to attract foreign companies to Britain

Ministers will claim today. in speeches to a cross-industry conference on small business, that the Government's economic policies are establishing Britain as the enterprise centre of Europe.

But in a study of the performance of local authorities in England in attracting inward investment, Ernst & Young, the firm of accountants, suggests that effort and resources are being wasted. The study says: "Better co-ordination and less

sary if England is to maintain its lead and continue to compete effectively both for international investment and to retain and build upon existing investments."

vestment record of almost 200 local authorities, E&Y says that many are now competing heavily against each other often to try to attract high-tech investments such as telecommunications and information technology projects, while most investment tends to be in

"less glamorous" sectors. David Rees, E&Y inward investment services partner, says: "A review of the realism of targets by some local authorities may be appropriate."

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TUC resumes pension fight

By Robert Miller

THE TUC will today resume its legal campaign to secure backdated pension rights on behalf of 60,000 part-time workers when it takes the case before the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

The TUC suffered a setback in December when an industrial tribunal ruled that backdated compensation claims should be limited to just two years. If the TUC is successful, the part-timers could win £95 million in compensation. John Cavanagh, the TUC's leading counsel, will argue

that employers should pay-up in full for past sex discrimination and will ask for the cases to be referred to the European Court of Justice. John Monks, TUC secre-

tary general, said: "Many people find the idea that a UK court could absolve employers from responsibility for past discrimination hard to swallow. Part-timers need the same financial security in old age as full-timers. The TUC will be asking the Appeal Tribunal to refer these cases



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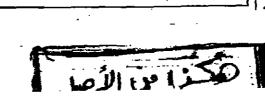
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Mortgage war hits bank costs

A leading US credit rating agency predicts that bank costs are rising again as the five largest UK clearers battle with building societies for mortgage market share.

In a survey of the 1995 record £10.6 billion pre-tax profits of the big five _ HSBC, owners of the Midland, National Westminster, Barclays, Lloyds TSB and Abbey Life, Fitch, the credit rating agency, gives warning today that "short-term manoeuvring among the competitors fighting for market share means less profit volatility for some but agonising decisions for others".

Fitch says it welcome further rationalisation within the sector. The agency adds: "A strong interest by all the major players in the personal sector will result in more acquisitions of asset managers, insurance companies and building societies.

Baltic order

British Steel has won its first order in Lithuania with a contract for 14.000 tonnes of rail track for construction of a standard-gauge line to link it with Western European syst-Tans. George Thompson, British Steel's track products' European sales manager. hopes the order, which took two years to win, will lead to more BS sales in Lithuania. Estonia and Latvia.

Fokker freed

Fokker Aviation, the core of the collapsed Dutch planemaker, has been released from court protection from creditors as the prelude to relaunching it as a stand-alone company or selling it to an overseas buyer. Final talks are underway with Samsung Aerospace of Korea and China Aviation Industries. A rescue would protect 1,500 jobs at Short Brothers in Belfast, which builds wings for Fokker. Temporary funding from the Dutch Government expires on Friday.

Rating cut

Moody's the credit agency, has cut its rating on Southern Electric bonds due in 2002 from Aa3 to Aa1, and is continuing the review for a possible further downgrade. The move reflects growing competition in energy markets and less predictable regulation. Opec fears resumption of exports will hit already over-stretched quotas

Iraqi oil could be back on sale soon

OIL traders will be on tenterhooks today as talks open at the United Nations that could lead to the export of \$2 billion of Iraqi crude into a jittery market

Diplomats are increasingly confident that the first significant exports of Iraqi oil since the Gulf War could commence in a couple of months, with the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 986. The proposal would not lift sanctions but would allow the controlled sale of oil in exchange for food and medicine to the beleaguered country at the rate of \$1 billion per quarter, renewable every six months.

At current oil prices, that would mean an extra 700,000 barrels per day added to world oil supplies at a time when Opec member states are already quarreling about overproduction. The oil producers' cartel is already exceeding its target output of 24.5 million bpd by about 1.5 million barrels and the addition of traqi crude without restraint from other producers could

send the price tumbling.

According to Leo Drollas, of the Centre for Global Energy Studies. Opec members are resigned to the Iraqi oil coming on to the market and have said that an emergency Opec meeting will be convened if

Diplomats are confident that the first significant exports of Iraqi oil since the Gulf War could start in a few months

terms are agreed between the UN and Iraq.

Pressure is mounting on Iraq to co-operate from several quarters, including Russia, as a significant part of the funds from oil exports, about \$300 million, will be earmarked for war reparations to Kuwait

while Russia is owed billions. by Saddam Hussein's regime. The UN, itself under huge financial pressure because of late contributions from member states, hopes to recoup some of its fragi monitoring expenses from the oil sales. Opec members are in disagreement over who should cut back production when the Iraqi oil hits the market. Venezuela is blamed for much of the current overproduction but fingers will be pointed at Saudi Arabia too. Prior to the Kuwaiti invasion, Iraq was producing some three million

bpd. The Saudis quickly increased production to their current quota level of eight million bpd. "The only way they will agree is when prices start diving," said Mr Drollas. Opec's existing quota for lraq of 400,000 bpd is known

current production of about 500,000 barrels, consumed internally with small exports to Jordan in exchange for food. However, the country has huge untapped oil reserves including the seven billion to ten billion barrel Majnoon field. "In terms of oil prospectivity. Iraq is second only to Saudi Arabia. It is fairly unexplored," Mr Drollas said.

The wild card in the equation is President Hussein, Some analysts wonder whether he might refuse to agree with the UN. The deal has potential risks for President Hussein of more foreign control over the economy and UN officials monitoring food imports. In spite of sanctions, Iraq

has survived and managed to become self-sustaining and the Iraqi dictator has maintained some popular support. One analyst said: "What has been destroyed is the middle class. That has not been a bad thing for him as they were the opposition, university teachers, lawyers. He is not without support among the peasants."

The UN Resolution envisages oil exports via a dual pipeline to Turkey. Repairs would be needed to pumping stations damaged in the 1991 war. Iraq is believed to be arguing for exports by tanker from the Gulf, which would give them more control and not incure pipeline charges to Turkey.

Forecast of 100,000 insurance job losses

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By Marianne Curphey

THE life and general insurance industry, which has lost 16,000 jobs over the past five years, could lose a further 100,000 by the end of the decade.

Mergers, proved technology, the legacy of the pensions mis-selling scandal and pressures to bring down costs will take their toll on staffing levels.

The industry is already attempting to reduce expenses by outsourcing - contracting out administrative work and closing sections of "backroom" offices, and shedding staff through redundancies. Mike Webb, of Continuum,

the international software and services company, says that more than half of the 200 UK organisations currently writing life and pensions policies will cease to exist in their present form.

He predicts the industry's workforce, estimated at between 200,000 and 255,000, could be reduced by 100,000 by the year 2000. Direct insurers will have a major advantage with modern software for claims processing and without the burden of antiquated and time-consuming administrative procedures.

The UK insurance markets are facing a major shake-up." he said. The industry has been hit by falling demand, a motor and commercial property insurance price war, and the need to set aside hundreds of millions of pounds as provision against the misselling of personal pension schemes, provisions which make some companies technically insolvent when shown in their balance sheet."

David Nisbet, insurance analyst with NatWest Markets, believes staff numbers could fall by up to 85,000, around a third of current levels. "The trend towards outsourcing will grow, and small and medium-sized life companies may be swallowed up by larger organisations," he said. Sun Alliance and Scottish Widows have recently announced job cuts and the Mutual, the fifth largest life office, has said it hoped to reduce expenses by 30 per

Compensation fight nears end

By Jon Ashworth

deny liability.

INVESTORS who saw £10 million in savings gambled away by a crooked accountant will learn today whether their High Court fight for compensation has proved successful. A group of 120 investors is suing Clark Kenneth Leventhal (CKL) and two of its member firms, including Clark Whitehill, over the activities of Nicholas Young, who was jailed for four years in May 1991 after squandering

Judgment is expected this morning. The plaintiffs allege that CKL and Clark Whitehill were negligent in putting Young in a position of authority, where he was able to carry on his activities without ade-

millions on the races.

his efforts to create the "perquate supervision. The firms fect" horse-racing gambling Young, the son of a chaplain scheme. Over about 12 years, the Queen, was senior Young gambled some £II million, won about £9 million and lost £2 million. His scheme

executive officer of CKL, an international association of accountancy firms. He alleg-edly told investors that CKL collapsed after a cheque to an investor bounced. had arranged for him to have The plaintiffs allege that the access to a special offshore only persons who could proinvestment account, which ofvide proper supervision of fered interest rates of up to 2 Young's activities were the partners of Clark Whitehill, at per cent per month. Interest on the funds would be tax-free. whose offices he worked. It is alleged that they signally failed to monitor Young's Young, it is alleged, made full use of the CKL letterhead in activities, providing him with his dealings with clients. Some 126 investors depositthe means to defraud "a very ed millions of pounds with large number of innocent

Young between 1977 and 1990.

Far from investing it as prom-The case opened in the High ised, Young used the money in Court on January 11.

BET's dividend rise defence

to be well under the country's

By Sarah Bagnall believes that the company has an exciting future as an



forecasts. Analysts had pencilled in a dividend of about 4.5p although one stockbroker was predicting a payout of 4.9p. Sir Christopher Harding, chairman at BET, said: "We believe the Rentokil offer is inadequate and does not recognise BET's current growth and future potential." John

Clark, chief executive at BET.

independent company with significant growth prospects. BET claims that Rentokil is attempting to use this growth to mantain its own 20 per cent growth targets at the expense of BET shareholders. The document states: "Certain independent commentators are beginning to doubt Rentokil's ability to meet its 20 per cent annual growth target."

Clive Thompson, chief executive at Rentokil, was quick to respond saying "we are study-ing the BET defence document. I suppose in the same way as BET shareholders, in the search for new information. So far this is proving difficult."

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 32 RASORIAL

(b) Constantly scratching around in search of food, like a fowl or a teenage son. Pronounced more or less in the same way as risorial (laughter-provoking) and rosorial (rodentlike, gnawing). I am sorry if I sometimes seem ambivalent in my attitude to your mother, Dahlia. It's just that I find il very hard to make up my mind whether I see her as essentially rasorial, risorial, or rosorial."

CADUCITY

(a) The dropping or shedding of a disposable part of an animal or plant when its function has been performed and it is no longer needed. Hence, fleetingness, perishableness, or impermanence. Hence, senility, proximity to dissolution. "Oh, all right then, Aunt Margaret. I will go to Holy Trinity, but only out of respect for your caducity."

(c) Chains used in hanging criminals. "Yes, James, your new gold chain does show off your hairy tanned chest very nicely — but somehow I feel you would look even more handsome in gimmaces."

SUPEREROGATION (c) Superfluity. Something more than is asked for, over and above what is needed. Works of supererogation are good deeds over and above the call of duty. "Indeed, Una, the midwife who brought you into this wicked world performed a work of supererogation."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE ... f6+! 2 Kg4 (2 Qxf6 Qg3 is mate) 2 ... Qg2+ 3 Qg3 f5+ 4 Kf4 e5+! 5 dxe5

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National Westminster Bank Pla

Wobble fails to shake healthy market Group, an independent multimedia production company specialising in Group (IRG), which made an agreed £4.54 million cash offer for Allied

ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT MARKET

THE market for smaller and growing companies took last Friday's stock market stumble in its stride. AIM's ability to cope with the wobble proves that underlying conditions remain healthy at a crucial time, with several companies planning to join the new market, while potential investors exam-

company, and First Information

CD-Roms for the consumer market. David Abrahams, a dealer at

Winterflood Securities, reported a considerable increase in interest in AIM stocks offering rollover tax relief. However, complex qualification rules mean that only a fraction of AIM-listed debut in the coming weeks include companies qualify for capital gains tax reinvestment and inheritance tax relief.

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Radio. The bid is IRG's second deal since it was floated on AIM, having acquired a majority stake in Q96 FM, the West of Scotland broadcaster, in

The number of companies traded has grown to 130. Capitalisation in-creased to £2.61 billion, while total money raised stands at £174.4 million.

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tep forward Robin Griffiths and team at brokers James Capel. "The writing is on the wall" they wrote on February 28 in a technical analysis of share prices on Wall Street. The signs of a potential crash are in place". They projected a fall of up to 15 per cent in May, the Dow Jones Industrial Average having continued its surge to 6,000 in the meantime. As so often, when attention is called to the writing on the wall, people reacted faster to sup-

porting evidence. On Friday, the Dow shed 3 per cent within hours of an unexpectedly steep rise in US employment figures in February. That is a third of the drop implied by Capel's deciphering of the charts. Not that such figures are meant to be exact. The point is that the bears in Capel's chartroom were not predicting any kind of disaster - merely a corrective slap on the wrist for over-exuberant behaviour on Wall Street.

At Thursday evening's peak, the Dow had risen 40 per cent in a year, for no terribly convincing reason. By Friday evening, shares were still up 37 per cent. Over the same period, London's FT-SE 100 index had gained a wallet-warming but less frenetic 23 per cent. If the Dow plunged all the way to 5,100, as implied by Capel, those invested in March 1995 would still be up a lipsmacking 27 per cent.

Chart-reading technical analysts are the markets' licensed jokers. They are allowed to predict nasty shocks because that generates busi-

ohn Major will today

unveil a new package of

government measures to help small businesses in

Britain - which are rapidly

becoming one of the key

business battlegrounds before

The move, to be made at a

cross-industry conference on

small businesses in London.

comes against the acute politi-

cal controversy over small

firms, after the revelation last

week of ministerial letters

showing Cabinet splits over

proposals to remove employ-

ment protection laws from em-

Ministers lined up for to-day's conference will now be

on the defensive, after the

public wrangle between Mich-

ael Heseltine, the Deputy

Prime Minister, and Ian Lang, his successor as President of

Mr Heseltine says today's

conference is the result of the

"most widespread consulta-

tion with small business ever

a claim also made by Labour,

which has its small business

The scale of the stakes over

the issue of small business is

underlined in the conclusions

to a Government-backed

study of small business car-

ried out at Kingston Univer-

sity's small business centre.

which found that "the Conser-

vative Party's claims to have

promoted enterprise through

a wide range of policies de-

signed to support small busi-

ness do not appear to be wide-

ly accepted by their owners". Stan Mendham, chief execu-

tive of the Forum of Private

Business — one of the business

leaders who will speak to to-

day's gathering - said Mr

Heseltine's promise of a con-

ference at which small busi-

nessmen could air grievances

and a special seminar at

Downing Street last Septem-

ber had the "potential to be a

turning point for independent-

ly-owned firms". Since then,

the initiative's sponsors, including banks, the CBI, IoD,

the Board of Trade.

conference next week.

ployees of small companies.

the general election.

Wall Street lets the genie out of the bottle again

traders and users of derivatives (such as options to sell the index). Fundamental economic and financial analysts in mainstream firms queer the pitch for costly sales staff if they advise clients to do nothing for six months. Even back in the London of 1987, the one seeming hero who predicted the extended crash was swiftly retired. On a commercial view, securities

houses prefer a permanently optimistic undertone, punctuated by short, sharp corrective shocks. While Mr Griffiths was feeding mene, mene tekel uposin into his PC. Merrill Lynch, the huge American broker, was giving its client hordes an idyllic financial picture. "Monetary policies around the world are on an easing tack ... and growth is forecast to be above the trend in 1997". The verdict for Wall Street? Equity prices have further to rise but bonds will outperform".

Merrill's was the conventional view. Market analysts, like investors, have not adapted to an era of relatively steady, non-inflationary growth that should flatten the eternal economic cycle. In such an economy, monetary policy resumes its

chambers of commerce and

others, have mounted eleven

regional conferences, covering

800 small firms, to find out

What has it all produced?

Today's conference will have

before it a detailed document

setting out what small busi-

ness does want. Alison Cans-

field, business economist at

the Institute of Directors, the

lead sponsoring body of to-

day's gathering, said: "They're

critical — but it's constructive

criticism. For every problem

pointed out, there are four or

five policy solutions put for-

ward." Today's document will

☐ Finance: Late payment will

be identified as the key issue

for small business — one reason why Mr Heseltine's

remarks played so badly with

he has worked hardest to

address in his sustained

efforts to improve Britain's

competitiveness. But the issue

is not only late payment, but

ment, bad debts - with the

Government seen as a leading

defaulter. But today's paper

will also show no real support

for a statutory right to interest

on late payment. Though this

may be driven by a more over-

riding feeling among small

busi-ness against further in-

terfering regulation, such lack

of support may cause a num-

ber of small business organis-

ations to reconsider their

Banks do not come in for

much criticism. Some years

ago, they were seen very much as the villain — overextending

credit, and then calling it in,

often leaving small firms stranded. But since then,

small business believes banks

have upped their game, im-

proving both their practices

and services to small business

so that recent survey evidence

suggests more than 90 per cent

of small firms now feel banks

The Government's loan

guarantee scheme is seen as

popular by small business, but

understand their needs.

policies on the issue.

one of the very constituencies

identify areas of concern:

what small business wants.



textbook role of fine-tuning, trying to compensate for any signs of mania

In stock market terms, the two should also cancel each other out to a greater extent. Rates should edge up when the economy is becoming relatively sluggish - along with company earnings - and rise when earnings growth is above trend, threatening inflation.

So long as these conditions hold. modest ups or downs in short-term interest rates should have a muted impact on inflation-sensistive longterm interest rates. The same should apply to equities. So how could a 40 per cent rise in US share prices in a

Philip Bassett looks at what small firms want from government

Small business's turn to bite back

your cake and eating it, it seems.

Gains to reflect higher company earnings and falling long-term interest rates were compounded in recent months by the hope of falling shortterm rates. Yet that hope rested on the Federal Reserve reacting to the business slowdown brought by its tougher policy of 1994-95. Bonds had already started reacting to improv-ing economic figures. Interest rate futures project much higher rates two years ahead. Shares were out on

a limb. So dealers reacted with panic

to a single figure that might mean

little, but might confirm that there was no need for the Fed to cut rates. The 1995-96 slowdown is begin-ning to to be reflected in profits. But shares do not look historically expensive in terms of profits. The ghastly gap is clear if you look at dividends. Mature blue-chip companies in the Dow yielded only 2.1 per cent dividend. That compares with a nadir above 2.5 per cent just before the crash of 1987. Small growth stocks, the darlings of recent

months, often yield hardly anything. Even allowing for a downtrend in payout ratios, that should have rung alarm bells. Sadly, dividend yields

had been fashionably ignored. deemed not to matter any more. Yet Wall Street prices had been inflated by investors in mutual funds. These are like UK units trusts, which quote a dividend yield but no profit rating. income is the only ready handle to compare their value with bonds or cash. Many funds now offer investors instant transfers between equities, bonds and money. The long bond now yields 6.7 per cent. This is exciting fear on Wall Street.

London should be a spectator to Wall Street's latest drama. Equivalent gilt-edged stocks yield 8.3 per cent, attractive with inflation below 4 per cent. Blue chips yield 4 per cent, although shares looked ahead of the game at the year end, ready for a correction until the Chancel lor's rate cuts made his growth forecasts more credible.

The trouble with such sudden umps, however, is that no one can be quite sure whether the "correction" will gain its own momentum, either in America or, illogically, across world stock, money and currency markets. In the rolling global market, local niceties are liable to be trampled underfoot, along with the good intentions of central bankers. Market-makers know how much they think they will have to cut prices to tempt buyers.

Cuts of 1-2 per cent would be their ideal for an instant correction. Yet each time these convenient corrections let the volatile genie out of the bottle, no-one is quite sure what it

should be perform-ance-meas-

ured on the level of business

compliance, rather than on their success in cracking down

☐ Taxation: Taxes are seen

not so much as a financial

burden, but as an administra-

tive one. Small business would

like to see faster progress on a process Mr Heseltine has only

very tentatively begun - clos-

er working, indeed a merger,

of the tax, NI, and VAT-collec-

tion systems. Small firms see

self-assessment of tax as a

companies are sceptical about

such standards initiatives as

BS5750 and ISO9000, and

even more so about Investors

in People. They believe too

much emphasis is placed on

obtaining them, rather than

on the outcome if they are

obtained. The cost of obtaining

them is seen as a problem, and

there is opposition to the way

they are used as a form of

contract compliance, by the

Small firms are also scepti-

cal about the state of the patent

system. They believe it has

largely lost its authority in the

UK, with many now going so

far as to register their innova-

tions under foreign and espe-

cially US patents, believing

they offer more protection.

☐ People: Deregulating em-

ployment law for small firms

is seen as a key objective - so

ministers are right to claim

they are acting on small

companies' wishes in consid-

ering new moves in this area.

But dissatisfaction with the

Government is high on people

issues - with the standard of

education, with school-leaver

skills, with business qualifica-

tions, and especially with vo-

cational ones such as NVQs,

seen as not rigorous enough

not known about, not under-

forther burden.

Innovation:

on non-compliance.

RADIO CHOICE

Honours even in war replay

The English Civil War of the mid-17th century is fought all over again. This morning, and this time, the result is a draw. Bartling with the Past is the historical panel game chaired by Ronald Hutton. Quite rightly, he remains impartial throughout. This cannot be said of two of the four contestants who are the present and past chairmen of the Cromwell Association, one of them even has the audicibit. of the Cromwell Association: one of them even has the audacity to sport the associations tie at the microphone. To indicate how free of academic dust this tussle between the four historians is, one round is won by a nose and another by two ears. No contestant can prove or disprove the story that, as lads. Oliver punched Charles on the nose

The Monday Play: Paint Her Well. Radio 4, 7.45pm.

A writer's first radio play should not, for this reason alone, expect to A writer's first radio play should not, for this reason alone, expect to be judged differently from a second or a sixth. When all is said and done, the play's the thing. But it would be doing lain McClure less than justice to say of his fantasy on the theme of revenge that it bears any of the hallmarks of a tiro. The time-bends and plot twists in Paint Her Well may be a problem for you. That is why it would take more than these few lines to give a helpful precis of a highly imaginative play beyond saying that it hinges on the identity of a mysterious woman in a painting and is not set in a particular place or in a particular century. particular century.

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RADIO 5 LIVE

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WORLD SERVICE

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6.00am On Air. Vivaldi (Concerto in F. La Stravagenza); in F, La Stravagenza); Tchaikovsky (Violin Concerto in D); Corrette (Le Phanix); Mervyn Horder (Under the Greenwood Tree); 8,03 Sibelius (Karelia Suite); Beethoven (Overture, Leonore

(E of Pata Gambaccini, Schibert (String Quartet No 11 in D); Tchakovsky (Onegin's Aria, Eugene Onegin, Act 1); Scriabin (Piano Concerto in F

schaon (Plano Concerto in I-sharp minor)

10.00 Musical Encounters, Nyman (In re Don Giovanni); Rossini (Overture, The Thieving Magpie); 10.15 Artist of the Week: Wolfgang Holzmak, baritone, sings Mendelssohn (A selection of lieder); 10.23 Telemann (Overture-Suite in C, Hamburger Ebb und

C, Hamburger Ebb und
Fluth); Schwertsik (Twilight
Music); Rechmaninov
(Symphony No 1 in D minor)
Composer of the Weelc
Guillaume de Machaut
(Kyrie; De toute flours; La Lai
de la forthing. Househin de la fonteine; Hoquetus

Concert, live from St John's, Smith Square, London, Hans-Peter Stenzi and Volker Stanzel, pieno duo, play Brahms (Waltzes, Op 39); Reger (Variations and Fugue

on a Theme of Beethoven)
2.00 Schools. The Song Tree 2.15
Storybox 2.25 Let's Move 2.45 First Steps in Drama 3.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk, with Kathryn Stott, plano, plays Rachmaninov (Plano

Concerto No 3 in D minor) (i)::
3.45 Music for Organ. David
Titlennoton plays Bruhns
(Prelude in G), Lionel Rogg (Partila on the Chorale Nun Ireut euch); Petr Eben (Homage to Henry Purcell) Blue Angels, Blue Devils. Brian Morton examines the

(1/6) 5.00 The Music Machine. History of the Music Macrane. History of the violin 5.15 In Tune. Haydh Wood (Mylecharane); 6.03 Wieniawski (Souvenir de Moscou); Stanford (Clarinet Concerto in A minor) 7.30 BBC National Orchestra of

Wales under Mark Elder performs Mozart (Symphony No.38 in D. Prague); Dvorák (Cello Concerto in B minor: Steven Isseriis); Janáček

(Taras Bulbs)
9.15 Fiftles Writing. Fraser
Harrison ask why the Second Harrison ask why the Second World War was not openly discussed during the 1950s 9.35 University of Wales Recital. Adrian Thompson, tenor, lain Burnside, piano, play Lennor Berkeley (Five Housman Songs); Britten (Seven Sonsets of Michelangelo); Tippett (Cantala, Boylnood's End); Carter (Three Poems of Robert Frost); Capland (Old American Songs, Set 1); Bernstein (La Bonne cuisine) 10.45 Mibring It 11.30-12.30em

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Dance Resources for PE 2.10
Triple Bill: The Haunting

Edinburgh, and the Glasgow New Moves Dance Festival 4.45 Short Story: Affinities, by John Hosea. An American

Buffy Davis 5.00 PM, with Chris Lowe and

Jackie Hardgreve 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55

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a Minute (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme, with
Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Paint
Her Well. See Choice
9.15 Uncla Mort's Celtic Fringe:
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jaunts by Peter Tirniswood,
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Kelly and Christian Rodska
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59
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Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with

-Rober Lustig

10.45 Book at Bedtime: My
Autobiography by Charles
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Hawthorne (6/10) (r)

11.00-11.30 Destinations (FM

only) (r) 11.06 Education Matters

couple attempt to trace their British ancestry. Read by

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business grants are not -particularly those which are highly job-oriented. Small firms feel that grant systems favour both larger companies and inward-investing foreign firms, which are able to then wheel out electorally-popular announcements of 200 or 300 new jobs, which are definitionally beyond small firms' reach. R&D grants are very popular but small firms would like to see greater help given to companies retaining their profits — and they feel strongly that a range of Governmentsupported initiatives, includ-ing Peps and similar devices, persuade people to place their investment elsewhere, rather than ploughing it back into their businesses. ☐ Business advice: The Government's system of one-stop

Business Links are the main

point of interest here. While

them, small firms are sceptical about how long they have to live, judging that they have a limited shelf-life, and like many other Government initiatives, will be replaced at some point by the new latest idea. The quality of BL business advisers is seen as low in many cases, just as the BLs are viewed as highly variable.

□ Deregulation: Small busi-

ness again goes against expectations here — one of the Government's key areas of activity towards small firms. There is not the blanket opposition to regulation which some right-wingers would like to claim. Resting on commer-cial practice rather than ideological considera-tions, small business accepts there is a reason for many rules but wants regulations accompanied by reasons for them, writ-

ten clearly in understandable English and applied fairly. While small firms are not taken in by Euro-myths, European regulations are seen as particularly unfair in applica-tion — adhered to by UK companies, especially small firms. to their competitive disadvantage, since companies in other EU countries are seen to comply with them sketchily, if at all. Small firms also don't like the way the Government adds its own provisions to domest-ic legislation necessary to put EU regulations into UK law.

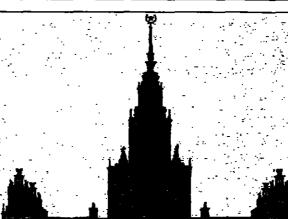
Small firms believe the operation of regulation should embody the spirit rather than the precise letter of the law, and that the Government should offer help and advice with compliance - rather than penalties for not doing so. As part of that, small firms believe business regulatory bodies

stood nor rated. Such a shopping list sounds somewhere between a whine and a wish - though its production is inherent in the Government asking the question

THE **TIMES**

Appeal over the 'Capel Ten'

THE legal scrap between Credit Suisse Asset Management and James Capel over a ten-man private clients' team (City Diary August 31 and March 4) is turning ugly. One High Court action has already been heard. An appeal is pending. Now, injunctions have been served. CSAM alleges the ten brokers have been offered a I per cent fee on the value of any of CSAM's client funds they transfer to James Capel. Such an arrangement. CSAM says, could potentially make them millions of pounds. CSAM is thus out to "recover damages for breach of contract and an



ARE they going soft in Russia these days? Kone Lifts of Birmingham, backed by ECGD guarantees, has won an order to "design, supply and supervise the commissioning of 52 replacement elevators at Moscow's Lomonosov State University". Time was, an undergraduate had to walk upstairs, but then again, the building is rather ... lofty.

account of profits -- including fees that have allegedly al-ready been agreed to by James Capel in relation to the Last week Capels - some-

what unusually - placed a "tombstone" advertisement in two national newspapers which named the ten new recruits individually. The advert will not have been lost on their former clients. Meanwhile, the ten have been restrained from breaching their restrictive convenants.

Name games

Is SBC Warburg becoming paranoid? A colleague rang to check a name and was put through to "the special department that handles such inquiries". On connection, he was asked "Are you phoning to check if he's still here?"

Foreboding sign at Ports-mouth's Pyramid Fun Pools: Wanted: Casual Lifeguards.

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News and weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day, from the Manchester Buddhist Centre 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 News 7.25, 8.25 Sports News 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Tickle the Public. Matthew Engel charts 100 years in the history of popular daily newspapers. popular daily newspapers, from 1896 to 1996. In the fourth of six programmes he looks at the News of the World 8.58 Weather

9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, presented by Melvyn Bragg and Times columnist Branda Maddox, With Benard Williams, John Maynard Smith and Robert Carnton

10.00-10.30 News; Battling with the Past (FM only). See Choice

10.00 Delty Service (LW only)

10.15 This Sceptird Isle (LW only)

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10.30 Women's Hour, introduced by Jenni Murray, Sarial: Seesaw, by Deborah Moggach (6/12)

11.30 Money Box Live: 0171-580

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12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm Counterpoint, Music quiz

12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke

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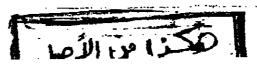
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Campion and Kate Pullinger.
The final episode of
Michelene Wandor's
adaptation
3.00 The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Keledoscope
reviews a new play about the

reviews a new play about the Marquis of Montrose in

presented by Judy Meny (LW only) 11.30-12.00 After Eden (FM only). Fifth of a six-part charns series by Alison Leonard about a woman priest (r) 11.30 Today in Parliament (LW

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12.00 News, incl 12.27em Weather
12.30 The Late Book: Foreign
Parts, by Janice Gathoway.
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(8/7) (r)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As
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Casting that does violence to credibility

he idea of nice Kevin Whately beating up his wife in the garage was always bizarre enough. Whately is Lewis; he is Jack; he has sticky-out ears and a funny, puppet-style walk, as though perpetually stepping over railway sleepers. The message of such anti-type casting for Lucy Gannon's Trip Trap (BBCI) was clear that the hell of domestic violence is hidden inside niceseeming men.

But when Whately's promised gritty domestic violence finally occurred on Saturday night, it was rendered much more shocking by something else: that Whately's character, Ian, was not especially angry. One minute he was inspecting some wine, the next he was wordlessly (routinely?) chucking his wife around, like a bored cat with a toy, while she gasped and doubled up. "Uncomfortable" is the word we employ on these occasions. Uncomfortable, it was.

But was it also unconvincing? In the end, regretfully, I thought so.

much self-confidence (after all, she ran the House of Eliott). Abused Lucy Gannon had clearly researched the subject, and was commendably concerned to understand why a husband commits such violence, not just why a wife puts up with it. Kate (Stella Gonet) had a typical punchbag CV: insecure, anxious about inherited madness, in love with domestic peace. Ian was an overstretched primary school head, who grimly gathered all control to himself, and then turned violent when he spilt some. Frustrated, he blamed Kate for everything. He even mentioned his "second-rate house", which was either a very unreasonable complaint (the house was ample and lovely), or else was a line in the script blithely sabotaged by the locations manager.

But I never believed that Kate was properly, psychologically_enslaved to this relationship. Per-haps Stella Gonet just exhibits too

women can't imagine flight or resistance, believing themselves helpless, stupid, incompetent. They keep the husband's secret willingly, being more ashamed of it than he is. Yet when lan said, You drive me to it, every bloody time" and "Why do we do this to each other?". Gonet just looked thoughtful, compliant, and a bit mousey. The title came from "Billy Goat Gruff", in which little goat escapes big bad troll, with hooves going "trip trap, trip trap" across the bridge. In the end, despite good dramatic complications, Kate triptrapped pretty easily too. Perhaps it should have been a series.

iving lan the surname Armstrong" may have been a bit loaded, but there you are. Strong-arm tactics were his regular recourse, and he was not alone this weekend. Last

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

night we had not only Clive Anderson coping with official bullies in Lagos (Our Man in . . ., BBC2) but also a powerful and affecting dramatisation, Witness Against Hitler (BBCI), with James Wilby as a real-life, saintly German anti-Nazi, charged with treason. Anderson survived his encounters with the regime, Wilby's man did not. Both brought legal cleverness to bear, thinking to outwit the big bad troll and cross the bridge. Both need not have bothered. Witness Against Hitler was an

interesting film, rather long and leisurely and colourful (with good music), in which the viewer was encouraged not so much to empathise with Helmuth James von Moltke as to fall in love with him. Opening scenes concerned his early blissful marriage to Freya (Helen McCrory); his estate in Prussia, yellow with sunlight and flowery like heaven. But dark clouds threatened von Moltke's conscience. As a Christian, he opposed the regime, and he gathered a circle of like-minded friends who spoke theatrically, by turns, composing a manifesto for post-Hitler, universal justice.

Jack Emery, who wrote and produced the film, is best known for his excellent monologues called In My Defence, so I was rather wrong-footed by Witness Against Hitler. 1 expected Wilby finally to take the stand and orate for half an hour, making his accusers bite their lips in shame. But of course this did not happen, and the strength of the film was not in oratory, but in its well judged touches of pure human feeling, and two very mature and affecting performances from Wilby and Mc-Crory. The casting was superb.

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s light relief to all this, it A was a great pleasure to see Father Ted back on Friday night (Channel 4). Father Ted is one of those rare comedies that can take an idea that looks funny on paper — two bored men on holiday in a caravan reduced to watching the kettle boil for entertainment and make it funny on screen. "Will I put more water in and turn it on again Ted?" asks Dougal, brightly. They play hide-and-seek in the tiny caravan, and count to "... 98, 99, 100", when the only place to hide is with your head behind the cur-

tains. They visit St Kevin's Stump and stand looking at a sawn-off tree with their hands in their pockets, "Is this what all holidays are like then, Ted?" asks Dougal. Ted pauses for a minute. "Actually, yeah," he admits.

It was a packed and calamitous half-hour, as always. An angry naked man made several appearances, and Father Jack's wheelchair rolled uphill on "the magic road", so that with a final cry of "Feck!" he was catapulted over a cliff. Stupidity is not infallibly hilarious (look at The Detectives). but Father Ted is pleasantly, goodnaturedly daft, and the performances are just outstanding. The utter cluelessness of Father Dou-gal (Ardal O'Hanlon) is transcendent. "For the last time," snaps Ted, showing Dougal two little models of sheep. "These are small, but the ones out there" (he indicates through the window) "are far away."

3E67 6.00am Business Breakfast (96091) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceelax) (27362) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax)

(6068695) 9.20 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (2494091) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (8218546)

#:30 Good Morning with Anne and Nick (s) 12.00 News (Ceelax) and weather (2345411)

12.05pm Turnabout (s) (5768053) 12.30 Going for a Song (s) (90508) 1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and veather (97121)

1.30 Regional News and weather (80162643) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (94996169) 2.00 Pebble Mill (s) (8674817) 2.40 Rich Man, Poor Man. With Peter Strauss

and Nick Nolte (1388546) 3.30 The Busy World of Richard Scarry (s) (6085121) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (s) (5059091) 4.10 The Chipmunks (f) (s) (7916463) 4.35 The Genle from Down Under (Ceefax) (s) (2051140)

5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (3800492) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceefax) (s) (1410140) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (177817) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather

6.30 Regional News magazines (411) 7.00 Eureka. Entertaining and ingenious

inventions (Ceefax) (s) (8701) 7.30 Watchdog. Consumer magazine (695) 8.00 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (4121)

8.30 Crime Beat. Soft Targets. Fighting crime in public places. (Ceefax) (s) (3256) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceetax), regional news and weather (6695)

9.30 Panorama (Ceefax) (479072) 10 Match of the Day — the Road to Wembley. Des Lynam and Gary Lineker present highlights of tonight's sixth-round FA Cup tie between Manchester United and Southampton, at Old Trafford (s) (907430) WALES: 10.10 A Parent's Guide (392546) 10.25 The Shoot (599633) 10.55 Match of the Day - the Road to Wembley (264891) **11.30** Film 96

with Barry Norman (86527) 12.00 Film:

Pure Luck (41763) 1.30am-2.50 Film: The Bonnie Parker Story (3161386) 10.45 Film 96 with Barry Norman. Includes reviews of the comedy Get Shorty, the computer-generated Toy Story, and Stephen Frears's troubled project, Mary

Reilly. (293782) 11.15 FILM: Pure Luck (1991) with Martin Short, Danny Glover and Sheila Kelly. When a rich businessmen's daughter goes missing while on holiday, a blundering accountant and an obsessive private investigator are thrown together to search for her Directed by Nadia Tass (Ceetax) (s) (102411)

12.45am FILM: The Bonnie Parker Story (1958, 6/w) with Jack Hogan and Dorothy Provine. Part of the Gangsters season, this is a heavily embellished life story of the 1930s outlaw Bonnie Parker and her rampage of crime through the southwest United States. Directed by William Witney tes. Directed by William Witney (8381164) 2.05 Weather (6576218)

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6.00am Open University: Physics of Matter: a Macroscopic Viewpoint (9826072) 6.25 Litestyles, Work and the Family (7470121) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (1922527) 7.30 Stingray (r) (Ceefax) (15527)

8.00 Blue Peter (r) (Ceelax) (s) (51121) 8.30 Songs of Praise (r) (Ceeiax) (s) 9.05 Daytime on Two, Educational

programmes. Plus, for children, 10.00-10.25 Playdays (s) (4753459) 2.00 Joshua Jones. Cartoon (r) (20742817) 2.10 Hollday Outings. Learning to sail

(20731701) 2.20 FILM: The Last to Go (1991). Marital infidelity drama starring Tyne Daly and Terry O'Quinn, Directed by John Erman

3.55 News (Ceefax) and weather (4229782) 4.00 Today's the Day. Quiz (s) (324) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (508) 5.00 Esther(3879) 5.30 The Village (176188)

5.55 Global Warning: Oll and Water. The first of a 20-part series about the environment and the natural world (s) (894633) 6.00 FiLM: Young Sherlock Holmes (1985)

staming Nicholas Rowe. Rip-roaring adventure, written by Chris Columbus, charting the early years in the life of Conan Doyle's Baker Street detective. Directed by Barry Levinson (Ceefax) (s) (82221169) 7.45pm Under Exposed: Evidence. Muriel

Gray presents the penultimate episode of the series on British photographic



Geoff Marcy scours the sky (8,00pm)

8.00 Horizon: Planet Hunters.
The story of the search for life in the universe (Ceefax) (s) (401904) 8.50 A Bad Time to Be a Man: Cruisers. Middle-aged businessmen explain their reasons for buying a motorbike. (Ceefax)

(s) (532256) 9.00 Our Friends in the North. Final part of the epic saga charting 30 years in the tives of four Geordie triends. The year is 1995 and Nicky, Mary, Tosker and Geordie are reunited in Newcastle (Ceefax) (s) (1368904)

10.15 The Travel Show Essential Guide. In the last in the series, the actor Christopher Rijinksi visits Crakow and the Tatra mountains in his native Poland. There is also a report on student accommodation and a guide to the five most cost-effective destinations in Europe this year (399459). Followed by The Femily Album

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (241546) 11.15 Cricket World Cup. Highlights of the third and fourth quarter-finals (864701) 12.25em Weatherview (1586299)

12.30-6.00 The Learning Zone

(1968) (836541)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

Marriage (1974) (81361102)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

(823695) 1.40-4.30am Scenes from

6.00am The Scarlet Blade (1963) (31217140) 7.50 Joe at the Kingdom of the Ants (4651053) 9.00 Thumbalins (583:13) 10.00 Bright Eyes (1934) (30140) 12.00 Road to Hong Kong (1952) (3963) 2.00pm On the Buses (1971) (474546) 3.50 Joe at the Kingdom of the Ants (5965140) 5.00 Thumbalins (8237) 6.00 Double, Double, Teil and Trouble (1933) (97459) 8.00 A Business Affair (1933) (92904) 10.00 in the Line of Fire (1963) (20759666) 12.10am Last Rites (1986) (590699) 1.55 L'Enfer (1984) (255454) 3.40-5.40 Diamond Studie (1989)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm

to 4am.
6.00am Under the Umbreta Tree

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CHOICE Horizon: Planet Hunters

BBC2. 8.00pm The story of the race for one of the biggest prizes science has to offer is how Horzon describes its latest offering, suggesting that we may be on the brink of a discovery of Copernican importance. The film charts the search for planets outside the solar system and, in particular, for signs of habitation. But it is forced to concede that the process has not got very far. In 1991 a British astrophysicist, Andrew Lyne, announced the discovery of a new planet, only to retract after he had gone back and rechecked his data. The current race is between Geoff Marcy from California and two Swiss astronomers, Michael Major and Didier Queloz, working in France. Both sources have made confident claims, though none of their planets has been seen. Perhaps, in ten

years' time, Horizon will be more definite.

Crime Beat BBC1, 8.30pm

Martyn Lewis presents an upbeat series designed to show that, contrary to popular perception, the war on crime is having tangible success. The message that Britain has a lower level of crime than many other European countries is coupled with a survey of latest crime fighting techniques, with technology to the fore. Programme one highlights the contribution of surveillance cameras, for which big claims are made. Those worried about the civil liberties implications will find little support here. The public is said to be overwhelmingly in favour and in Brentwood in Essex crime has dropped by 40 per cent since cameras were installed. We also hear how schools and hospitals are becoming more securityconscious and about a smart new chemical device, thought up by a former police detective, for convicting burglars.

The Greatest Channel 4, 8.30pm

For all-round prowess, since he was a Test cricketer, international footballer, world long-jump champion and excelled at rugby, the greatest British sportsman must be C.B. Fry. He was also offered the throne of Albania, and you cannot say that for Sir Stanley Matthews or Ian Botham. Fry. though, began his exploits in the 19th century and this series is about choosing the greatest of the 20th century. The producers have drawn up a shortlist of 20 candidates. Each week two will be profiled and in the final programme viewers will be asked to vote, taking into account such yardsticks as achievement, dominance in the field, style and impact. Expert panels led by Frances Edmonds and Danny Kelly will chew over the contenders' claims and the project is hosted by Gordon Kennedy.

Cutting Edge: Cries of Alarm Channel 4, 9.00pm

With meningitis tragically back in the news, here is an updated version of a Cutting Edge film about the consultant, Dr Parviz Hababi and his pioneering rapid response unit.

From his base at St Mary's Hospital in

London Dr Hababi and his team pick up

sick children from up to 50 miles away and

bring them back for intensive care. The three children featured underline how quickly and suddenly meningitis can develop. Within hours a previously healthy child can be fighting for its life. This makes immediate diagnosis essential but in two of the cases the family doctor failed to recognise the symptoms. The cameras catch the strain as distraught parents pace hospital corridors, hoping for the best but preparing themselves for the worst. The film also focuses on the shortage of paediatric beds. Peter Waymark

6.00am GMTV (8653332) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (2479782)

9.55 Regional News (4730508) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (8935121) 10.35 This Morning (98994695) 12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (2341695)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather 12.55 Shortland Street (s)(7103053) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (6926184) 2.00 Home and Away

(Teletext) (s) (30077237) 2.25 Chain Letters (Teletext) (s) (30089072) 2.50 Cooking at the Academy (r) (4682169)

3.20 News (Teletext) (3992607) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (4342148) 3.30 Rainbow Days (s) (5041072) 3.40 Tots TV (s) (2056527) 3.50 Budgle the Little Helicopter (s) (5052188) 4.05 Scooby Doo (4989140) 4.15 Harry's Mad (Teletext) (s) (935256) 4.45 Art Attack (Teletext) (s) (2042492)

5.10 The List (9947343) 5.40 News (Teletext) Weather (686140) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s)

6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (236895) 6.45 Sportsweek (Teletext) (109237) 7.00 Talking Telephone Numbers. Game show (s) (6099)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (661) 8.00 World In Action. An exposé of Britain's black market in new identities. (Teletext) (s) (9817)



John Thaw, Geraldine James (8.30pm)

8,30 Kavanagh QC: The Burning Deck When James Kavanagh, QC, is ca on a Royal Navy court martial in which an officer and a seaman are accused of arson, he finds he cannot use his only defence. He is also reunited with an old triend and sometimes adversary, Eleanor Harker, QC. Starring John Thaw and Geraldine James (Teletext) (s) (71527) 10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) Weather (82091)

10.30 Regional News (Teletext) and weather (459188)

10.40 FiLM: Police Academy (1984) starring Steve Guttenberg. A madcap comedy directed by Hugh Wilson. (Teletext)

12.30 Bushell on the Box (s) (47102) 1.00 Football Extra (5272164) 1.45 The Crime Hour. Penny Smith appeals tor help in solving a £5 million post office

robbery (r) (703744) 2.45 Jones and Jury (s) (5200893) 3.05 FILM: The Master Plan (1954, b/w) starring Norman Wolland. An espionage

drama set in post-war Germany. Directed by Hugh Raker (1230292) 4,30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (27265) 5.00 An invitation to Remember (r) (84218)

5.30 Morning News (79299)

HIVWALES As HTV WEST except:

5.10pm-5.40 Ready Money. Lighthearted quiz about the 1960s (9947343) 6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (324275)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.25-12.30 My Story (2359614) 12.55 Coronation Street (7103053) 1.25-1.55 Chain Letters (71351576)

1.55 Home and Away (42577879) 2.25 The West at Work Business and industry in the West. Includes a report on the South-West job-seekers who are convinced that their age is against them (30070324)

2.55-3.20 A Country Practice (3522091) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (9947343) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (93695)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55 Home and Away (7103053) 1.25 Chain Letters (71351576) 1.55 A Country Practice (94993072) 2.20-3.20 Blue Heelers (7088966) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (9947343) 6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (324275)

12.30am Football Extra (3544522) 1.50 The Crime Hour (2008657) 2.45 Film: Jeannie (1941, b/w) stamng Barbara Mullen, Michael Redgrave and Albert Lieven. A comedy directed by Harold French (177454)

4.25 Jobfinder (6689812)

5.20 Asian Eye (8276909) MERIDIAN As HTV West except:

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6.00 Meridlan Tonight (527) 6.30-7.00 Country Ways (879) 5.00am Freescreen (84218)

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11.15 The Mix (6034140) 11.30 Rat-A-Tat-Tat (4630817) 11.45 Living with 12.00 Right to Reply (r) (Teletext) (s) (89904) 12.30pm Sesame Street with guests the Neville Brothers (18035)

1.30 Wowser (42583430) 1.55 The Three Stooges: Mutts to You (b/w)

2.15 FILM: Thieves Highway (1949) Thriller directed by Jules Dessin and starring Richard Conte (Teletext) (100459) 4.00 Jimmy's. Real life ER with cameras

following doctors and nurses at St James's Hospital, Leeds (Teletext) (492) 4.30 Countdown (Taletext) (s) (904) 5.00 Keepers of the Kingdom (r) (Teletext)

6.00 The Cosby Show: Denise's Decision. Denise must decide which college to attend (r) (Teletext) (169) 6.30 Hollyoaks. Phil Redmond's teen soap.

(Teletext) (s) (121) 7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (442430) 7.55 The Slot. Viewers' soapbox (769053)

8.00 Channel 4 Racing: Cheftenham start of three days of championship jump racing at one of the country's most demanding courses (s) (7459)

8.30 CHOICE The Greatest. (Teletext) (s) (6966)



Ploneer Dr Parviz Hababi (9.00pm)

9.00 Cutting Edge: Cries of Alarm (Telelext) (s) (9184) 10.00 FILM: Guncrazy (1992) starring Drew Barrymore and James LeGros A Bonnie and Clyde-style romance of shooling and being on the run from the police. Directed by Tamra Davis. (Teletext) (186256)

11.50 FILM: The Flight of the Phoenix (1958) starring James Slewart, Richard Attenborough, Peter Finch and Hardy Kruger. A tense and exciting thriller about air crash survivors who are forced to try to build a single-engined aircraft from the wreckage of their plane in order to escape from the North African desert. Directed by Robert Aldrich (Teletext) (11916879)

2.25am How Long Till Daylight? (Part 1 of 2) Marcello Mastrolanni is sent to investigate the murder of a Turin priest. (491386). Ends at 4.25

• For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday SKY ONE

7.00am Boiled Egg and Soldiers (33350) 8.30 Press Your Luck (5231546) 8.50 Love Connection (4376633) 9.20 Court TV (6549695) 9.50 The Oprah Winkey Show (6343614) 10.40 Jeopardy (6343614) 11.10 Sally Jessy Raphael (2188985) 12.00 Breichy (57817) 1.00pm Hotel (33237) 2.00 Geraldo (34183) 3.00 Court TV (4275) 3.30 Inc Oprah Wantey Show (5149492) 4.15 Undun (1021985) 5.00 Star Trek The Next Undon (1021985) 5,00 Star Feh The New Seneration (15527) 5,00 The Simpsons (2546) 8,30 Jeopardy (3888) 7,00 LAPD (6556) 7,30 M*A*S*H (2782) 8,00 Central Park, West (65850) 9,00 Police Reccule (85674) 10,00 Star Treic The Next Generation (88701) 11,00 Metrose Place (50814) 13,00 Lettermal 12.00 Late Snow with David Letterman :3040693) 12.45am The Untouchables (4791676) 1.30 in Living Color (18366) 2.00 Hit Mix Long Play (1452893)

SKY NEWS

6:00am Sunnse (8905966) 9.30 The Book Show (4689121) 10.10 CBS 60 Mirrures (6:112817) 11.00 World News and Business (6009) 1,30pm CBS News This Morring 19007:1 2,30 Partiament Live (78966) 3,30 Parlament Live (4904) 4,00 World News and Business (36850) 5,00 Live at Five 154614) 6,30 Tonight with Adam Boution (65985) 7,30 Sportsine (710904) 8,10 CBS 60 Mrutes (20194) 11.30 CBS News (201614) 12.30am ABC News (54676) 1.30 Foright with Adam Boulton Repley (593025) 2.10 CBS 60 Mrutes (2038008) 3.30 Perhamont Replay (77473) 4.30 CBS ows (59980) 5.30-6.00 APC News (11299)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Gigi (1958) (98121) 8.00 Blood on the Moon (1948) (18140) 10.00 Other Women's Children (1963) (49899) 12.00 Mister Ten Percent (1965) (31091) 2.00pm Shock Treatment (1981) (79053) 4.00 The Butter Cream Gang (1992) 4.00 The Butter Cream Gang (1992) 4.003) (42781) 7.30 Close-Up: Harrison (1993) (42781) 7.30 Close-Up: Harrison Ford and Cast on Gleer and Present (1983) (42/85) 7.30 Close-Up: Harrison Ford and Cast on Clear and Present Danger (785) 8.00 Between Love and Honor (1994) (94362) 10.00 Brainscan (1994) (523698) 11.35 King of the Hill

EUROSPORT

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SKY SPORTS

3.45am Cricket World Cup Quarter Final 3 West Indies v South Africa (236362) 12.00 Chokel World Cup Quarter Final 4: Australia Chakel World Cup Quarter Final 4: Australia v New Zealand (7495169) 8.00pm Mex Cul (9508) 5.30 Rebel Sports (8121) 8.00 Sky Sports Centra (8362) 8.30 Tartan Extra (9514) 7.00 FA Cup: Menchester Uld v Southampton (12337904) 10.15 Sports Centre (640121) 10.30 Croket World Cup Highlights (97527) 12.30pm FA Cup 12725) 2.30-3.00 Sports Centre (37522) 3.45 Cricket World Cup Quarter Final 3 SKY SPORTS GOLD

10.00cm Pats of Gold Tharburn v Griffiths (2856527) 10.30 Bobby Charlton's Footbelt Scrapbook (2852817) 12.00-1.00mm Clas-sic Grand Nationals (8804102) THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Living Word 5.00 Kerneth Cope-land 5.30 Kidz TV 5.45 General Entertain-ment 6.15 Ut Ekman 6.45-7.00 Music

7.00em Gulding Light (5276140) 7.55 As the World Turns (6172072) 8.50 Peyton Place (6422121) 9.20 Deys of Our Lives (7584140) 10.10-11.00 Another World

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SKY TRAVEL 11.00am Globetrotter (4512614) 11.30 Australia from the Outside Locking in (4977988) 12.30pm Haweii Cooks (5078814) 1.00 Gelterney (1117995) 1.30 Gresi Escapes (9077985) 2.00 Traitside (4505063) 2.30 On Top of the World (4343148) 3.00 Globetrotter (4554188) 3.30 (4343148) 3.00 Globetrotter (4524188) 3.30 arrund the World in 30 Minutes (7348950)

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pp The Home Front (4503966) 5.00



Ingrid Bergman and Cary Grant star in Notorious (Bravo, 4.00pm)

The Red Empire (4508140) 6.00-7.00 THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

7.00pm Mycteries, Magic and Mracies (4516169) 7.30-10.00 FEM, Stor Trek: The Motion Picture (8444053) 1.00 Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (356899) 1.30om Ray Bracibuty Theatre (2490812) 2.00-4.00 FEM: Star Trek: The Motion Picture (2003641)

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7.00am Angels (9701463) 7.30 Neighbours

(8751148) 8.00 Sons and Daughters (7414072) 8.30 EastEnders (7413343) 9.00 The Bill (7404695) 9.30 The Sullivans The Bill (7404895) 9.30 The Sullivans (2930237) 10.00 Searet Army (4856512) 11.00 Bulliseye (2050324) 11.30 Odd One Out (2051053) 12.00 Sons and Daughters (7424459) 12.30pen Neighbours (2934053) 1.00 EastEnders (3482072) 1.35 Sylves (1997343) 2.50 Three Up, Two Down (7514850) 3.30 The Bill (6134237) 4.00 County (7514850) 3.00 The Bill (Casualty (2074904) 5.00 Every Second Counts (3556362) 5.45 'Allo 'Allo' (1766879) 6.25 EastEnders (6683492) 7.00 The Two Ronnes (9216850) 8.00 Bullceye (14853833) 8.30 Man About the House (4853833) 8.30 Man About the House (4842140) 9.00 Casually (9245362) 10.00 The Bill (1742556) 10.35 The Best of Top of the Pops (9629986) 11.25 Widows (4723904) 12.25 FiLM The Las Vegas Story (11551725) 1.56 Shopping at Night (24891305)

8.00em Amazing Live Sea Monteys (43459) 6.30 Pugwall's Summer (54091) 7.00 Ready or Not (53650) 7.30 California Dreams (72955) 8.00 Sweet Valley High (32782) 8.30 Degrassi Junior High (31053) 9.00 Eek the Cat (55633) 9.30 Garfield and

Friends (8824) 10.00 Bil and Ted (45343) 10.30 Where's Wally? (51817) 11.00 Oscar's Orchestra (45546) 11.30 Dino-bables (48275) 12.00 Barney and Friends (42169) 12.30pm Tiny TCC (78275) 1.30 (42169) 1230pm Inty TCC (1825) 1390 Sesame Steet (79904) 2.30 Jm Henson's Animal Show (1091) 3.00 Oscar's Orches-tra (1121) 3.30 The New Phik Parther Show (7988) 4.00 Californs Dreams (2343) 4.30-5.00 Sweet Valley High (8527) NICKELODEON

6.00am Henry's Cat (4741237) 6.15 Blue (995527) 6.45 Toucan Tex (8010255) 7.00 Batink (2133017) 7.05 Grimmy (4050324) 7.45 Rugnets/Doug (583782) 8.18 Asahri Real Monsters (4494850) 8.30 Rocko's Modern Life (76017) 9.00 AWn and the Chipmonis (93879) 9.30 Pec-Wes's Playhouse (30898) 10.00 Benene Sandwich (93343) 11.00 Children's BBC on Nickelodeen (80899) 12.00 Mage School Bus (78053) 12.30 pm Grimmy (34614) 1.00 Global Guts (84698) 1.30 Visionaries (33885) 2.00 Dungeons and Oragons (6898) 2.30 Galaxy High School (5275) 3.00 The Littless Pet Shop (8533) 3.30 Mightly Max (7492) 4.00 Senta Buglio (8527) 4.30 Rugrats and Doug (5411) 5.00 Seter Sister (1350) 5.30 Mirror Mirror (8091) 6.00 Ren and Stimpy (6504) 6.30-7.00 Are You Almad of the Dath? (7256) house (30898) 10.00 Banane Sandwid

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12.00 FLM: The Hideous Sun Demon (3501614) 1.30pm Death Volley Days (2928492) 2.00 The Saint (3050256) 3.00

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7.00am Benson (1594) 7.30 Family Ties

(6140) 8.00 Entertainment Tompht (8362) 8.20 Wings (5169) 8.00 Scap (87506) 9.30 Laveme and Shirley (14850) 10.00 Enter-tainment Tompht (26512) 10.30 The Vacant Lot (83492) 11.00 hade in the Hall (82063) 11:30 Saturday Wight Live (5/43))
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FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Escape from Jupiter (3966) 5.30 Night Hood (326256) 5.55 Betman (959297) 6.30 Cetchphrase (3072) 7.00 Timal Pursuit (6430) 7.30 The Fall Guy (63256) 8.30 Only When I Laugh (1985) 9.00 Stay Lucky (52324) 10.00 Treasure Hunt (55411) 11.00 Cais Eyes (79696) 12.00 The Fall Guy (99102) 1.00am Betman (41164) 1.30 GP (96850) 2.00 The Black Stellion (92473) 2.30 African Skies (71960) 3.00 GP (61928) 3.30 The Black Stellion (95560) 4.00 African Skies (83725) rossern & DD Atrican Skies (83725) 4.30-5.00 Escape from Jupiter (62657)

7.30am First Look (74343) 8.00 Morning Ma. (572275) 11.00 US Top 20 Countdown (83091) 12.00 Greatest Hrts (84633) 1,00pm Music Non-Stop (35966) 3.00 Video Juke Box (19121) 4.00 Hanging Out (4695) 6.00 Dial M7V (1850) 6.30 Road Rutes (5430) 7.00 His List UK (75072) 9.00 Evening Mar (27140) 9.30 Amour (71188) 10.30 The Maior (54904) 11.00 Yol Raos

(27685) 1,00am Night Videos (3778831)

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Country music from 6am to 7pm on setellite, 24-hours on cable. Including 5.00pm Seturday Nite Dence Ranch 6.00-ZEE TV

7.00em Jeagran (52991966) 7.30 Zee Presents (16125950) 9.00 Gujareti Serial: Nersziyo (84485459) 9.30 Namaste india (33260482) 10.00 Urdu Serial: Chand Grehen (52809985) 11.00 Khana Khazana (\$529769) 11.30 Hindi FILM Samadhi (\$5247091) 2.30pm Bunyaad (70641430) 3.00 Fiu (11769072) 3.30 Public Demand (10350492) 4.30 Junglee Toolan (10350492) 4.30 Junglee Toolan (70638966) 5.00 Zee Zone (11771817) 5.30 Akbar Babai (70652546) 6.00 Ushe Ulhup Show (70669459) **6.30** Zee and L (70533411) 7.00 Parampara (81152275) 8.00 News 8.30 Filmi Chalver (11756508) 9.00 Hindi Filmi Gopal Kasha (18210459)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Cartoons from 5em to 7pm, then TNT 7.00pm Boom Town (1940) (58808558) 9.15 MGM: When the Lion Roams (53346053) 11.30 Dencing Lady (1933) (17215459) 1.10em Riff-Raff (1936) (64705183) 2.50-5.00 Boom Town (1940)

CNN/QVC CNN provides 24-hour news and QVC is the home shopping channel.

PERFORMANCE 7.00pm Red Norvo 8.00 Aria 8.30 Moulin Rouge 10.30 The Road to the Stamong Ground 11.30 Ana 12.00-1.00cm Tribute to

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BUSINESS EDITOR LINDSAY COOK

Telephone merger abandoned

Cable and Wireless will today confirm that hither-to-secret talks about a merger with British Telecom have been

The announcement to the London Stock Ex-change follows revelations that BT chairman Sir lain Vallance approached Brian Smith, the caretaker C&W chairman. BT would like access to C&W's extensive international fibre-optic cable network, and to share in the bright pros-pects for its phone busi-nesses in Asian markets.

Bank action

The Bank of England is under pressure to act over a report suggesting that senior executives at Hill Samuel failed to act promptly on advice that the bank needed to strengthen provisions against property loans. Last year TSB commissioned an independent report into the matter from Linklaters & Paines, the City lawyers. The results were reported to the board and the Bank of England. The Bank of England is said to be reviewing the

Asian boost

Imperial Chemical Industries is to invest £200 million in India over the coming decade as part of a plan to increase sales from Asia to 25 per cent of its business within a decade. Charles Miller Smith, chief executive, said ICI would focus development on the same activities as its parent: paints, Polyurethanes acrylics and paint-

Jetting ahead

European planemakers are ahead in the final round of a contest being conducted by China and Korea for partners to develop a 100-seat passenger the Asian Express 100. McDonnell Douglas of America and Daimler Aerospace have both been eliminated, leaving only Boeing to rival the Europeans.

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A convert to European co-operation: Michael Portillo seems to have been won over by claims that costs will be cut and exports made more competitive

Britain poised to join European arms agency

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

Defence Secretary, is expected to announce this week that Britain is joining France and Germany to create a European Armaments
Agency to co-ordinate continent-wide weapons development and procurement.

Adoption of standard weapons systems by Britain and its main European allies will make it easier for armed forces to work together in peace-keeping operations such as that in Bosnia, as well as during wartime.

It will also trigger a rapid consolidation of the European detence industry, treeting British champions like British Aerospace, The General Electric Company and Vickers to form joint ventures or even mergers with continental rivals. The links should improve their competitiveness relative

TIMESTWO

MICHAEL PORTILLO, the to American rivals, which are beginning to enjoy enormous cost-savings after a wave of mega-mergers.
The entry-ticket for British

membership of the Franco-German arms agency, set up in January, will be participain January, will be participa-tion in a three-nation pro-gramme to buy 8,000 armoured personnel carriers. Forceful lobbying by the For-eign Office and Department of Trade and Industry has rein-

forced Mr Portillo's own desire to kick off the agency by participating in the so-called battlefield taxi" programme. The decision comes in spite of an ambivalent recommendation from the MoD's equip-

ment advisory committee, which met last Monday. Some officials fear the price of the 2,000 light armoured vehicles Britain wants will be inflated by higher manufacturing costs for key components from France and Germany.

But directors from Vickers and GKN, the two British contenders limbering up to compete with German partners for the contract, have told the MoD and DTI they believe the cost can be pared to about £500,000 a vehicle, compared with French and German estimates of £700,000 or more.

The National Defence Industry Council, including se-nior figures such as Dick Evans, chief executive of British Aerospace; Lord Prior, chairman of the General Electric Company; Sir David Lees, chairman of GKN, and Sir Colin Chandler, chief executive of Vickers, threw its full weight behind British membership of the agency at its meeting of February 28. The council has set up a working

group to resolve difficulties

over granting export licences and ensuring security of supplies in time of war.

Britain has shown a mounting determination to join the European Arms Agency over the past year. Contacts were initiated by Roger Freeman. then Procurement Minister. Although widely perceived as a sceptic on European

integration, Mr Portillo. has apparently been convinced by claims that it will cut costs and make exports more competitive. When MoD officials argued that European collaboration on the armoured vehicle programme offered few ades, he is said to have told them: "If you don't like this programme you'd better find another one.

Germany and France each require about 3,000 wheeled personnel carriers to replace ageing equipment used by

South West

their forces. Britain wants 2,000, mainly to replace VF434, lightweight predeces-sor to the GKN Warrior, which has been successful in Bosnia and the Gulf War. British industry bosses say the vehicle would have excellent export prospects to replace many of the 80,000 American

M113s in use worldwide. Vickers has already agreed to collaborate with Thyssen-Henschel, the German tankmaker, on the project, known in Britain as MRAV. GKN is in talks with Krauss-Maffei, builder of the German Leonard tank. Alvis is expected to team with MAK of Germany to bid.

It now appears that the winner of an Anglo-German procurement contest will then team with Giat, the French state armaments group, to completed detailed designs.

Early share fall likely as brokers watch Dow

CITY dealers in London are braced for a 50-point fall in the FT-SE 100 index today in response to the sharp 171-point drop on Wall Street last

The FT-SE 100 fell 47.9 points to 3,710.3 in spite of a quarter-point cut in base rates, and further falls are expected today as the bulk of the plunge on Wall Street took place after the London market closed on

Friday evening.
Finance Ministry officials in Japan were believed to have held talks over the weekend in an effort to prevent any abrupt knock-on effect on the Tokyo stock exchange when it opens

Friday's fall in the Dow Jones was the third heaviest in Wall Street's history and fol-lowed stronger than expected February job figures. The statistics sent

shockwaves through the mar-ket. Although good news for the economy, it effectively ruled out the prospects of further cuts in US interest Peter Meinertzhagen, chair-

man of Hoare Govett Corporate Finance, said the drop on Wall Street will "probably mean the FT-SE 100 will open 50 points down and then see what the news is likely to be on Wall Street". John Reynolds, head of

strategy at NatWest Markets, forecasts a fall of between 30 and 50 points in early trading today before Wall Street opens at 2.30pm British time.

Although Friday's share price slide bears striking similarities to the falls that preceded the October 1987 stock market crash, few believe that the event is about to be repeated. This partly reflects the fact that there is no deculative bubble burst in the UK.

As share prices in the UK are not seen to be as hyped up as those on Wall Street, the fall in the FT-SE 100 is expected to be contained by an early price mark-down by share dealers.

Share prices on Wall Street have been buoyed on the back of expectations of a couple of further quarter-point cuts over the next few months.

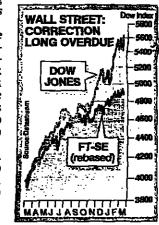
A London economist said-"It now looks as if these cuts are no longer possible. But now we have to wait for more data from America to see if February's job figures were a blip or not."

The Dow Jones has raced ahead 10 per cent since the start of the new year and Friday's fall wiped 3 per cent off those gains.
While the FT-SE 100 has

risen strongly, the gains have been less startling and the financial results released by companies recently have been in line with forecasts and in some cases have exceeded expectations.

Mr Meinertzhagen said:
"Wall Street has been defying gravity for some time. correction has been expected for a while." There is still some latitude for Wall Street to fall further and its opening later today will impact on afternoon trading in London.

Dealers will also be keeping a close eye on the US bond market, which on Friday suffered its worst fall since Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990. If prices continue to tumble there is a slim chance that some hedge funds may be forced into early liquidation. Graham Searjeant, page 3



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Lloyd's aiming to

intensify attempts to persuade the various contributors to its £2.8 billion settlement offer to increase their participations. Names' representatives claim that the offer must be increased in order to ensure that it is accepted by the market's 34,000 names in a vote at the market's annual meeting, on July 15.

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SHARE dealers anticipate a bid or an approach for South West Water, the company already threatened with a proposed hostile takeover by Wessex Water, its neighbour. South West Water shares

soared by more than £1 to 618p last week when Wessex declared its intention to bid, but it is unlikely to name a price until the takeover proposal wins approval from the Monopolies and Mergers Com-

Investors in South West are unlikely to put up stiff resis-tance to an offer with a decent premium, having received few benefits from an investment in one of the least well-performing water companies.

South West, widely perceived as a sitting duck, could attract a rival offer from an American utility, a proposal that might be more welcome to Ian Byatt, the water industry regulator. He is likely to demand significant reductions

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by Lloyd's. Figures will also vary if the settlement package grows. Negotiations to increase the package are under way, but will start in earnest only once Equitas figures are finalised. The Association of Lloyd's Members says the £2.8 billion pot "must be increased to reduce the pain for badly hit names and to avoid

Today, names will receive estimates of what they need to pay to settle all their debts with the society. The figures are struck after deducting their The statement sent to David

Rowland, Lloyd's chairman and a name, shows that he does not qualify for any of the £2.8 billion. "I don't qualify for any debt credits or litigation funds," he said. Mr Rowland, who waived £5,984 under Lloyd's previous £900 million settlement initative, in 1993, is in loss, but the losses do not exceed his funds at Lloyd's.

The statements are only estimates of a name's bill. Final figures depend on the reserv-ing needed for Equitas, a rein-



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